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Small United States and CNMI flags line the graves of U.S. service members who were honored in yesterday's Memorial Day commemoration at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

'All gave some, some gave all'

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Despite scorching temperatures in the 90s, the community gathered under a clear and cloudless sky at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi for the annual Memorial Day commemoration yesterday.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres led the ceremony, together with CNMI officials and other dignitaries, veterans, and the families of soldiers who have already passed away, either in con-

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7 brush fires hit NMI in 5 days

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Summer is officially here, with at least seven brush fires hitting the CNMI in the past five days, destroying several acres of vegetation. Fortunately, no one has been injured and no house has gone up in flames.

As of press time yesterday, a grass fire was still raging in Talafofo, where two acres of vegetation have already been burned, according to Department of Fire and Emergency

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Firefighters from the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Aircraft Rescue Firefighting try to extinguish a brush fire in As Gonno yesterday afternoon. As of press time, another wildfire was still raging in Talafofo. At least seven grass fires hit the CNMI in the past five days.

State of NMI economy worries MVA . . .

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The Marianas Visitors Authority has expressed concern about the recent capping of the CW-1 slots that allow businesses in the CNMI to hire foreign workers, a vital aspect for many island businesses.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion expressed concern about this recent development since many tourism-based businesses are "very dependent on foreign workers to sustain the industry."

"If the cap has been reached in May and [fiscal year] 2018 hasn't even begun, we are very worried about [the economy]," said Concepcion.

He remains hopeful that Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP),

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. . . but Torres assures protection of economy

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The CNMI government is willing to put in place more stringent labor policies just to protect the CNMI's existing economy.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres gave this assurance when he testified in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources last month.

The testimony is regarding House Resolution 339 that was re-introduced by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) in the 115th U.S. Congress. HR 339 or the Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act aims to increase the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker or CW-1 visa program's numerical limit from

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Man who allegedly beat up wife charged

The Superior Court has found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against a 57-year-old man accused of beating up his wife, cutting off her hair, and damaging door louvers, two vehicles, and other items at their home in Kagman 3.

At a preliminary hearing on Thursday, probable cause was found to charge Simeon Selepeo Fitial of burglary, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace.

At the preliminary hearing, assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas, counsel for the government, called to the witness stand police detective Myron Laniyo.

Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski served as counsel for Fitial.

After the hearing, the defendant was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections. He failed to post a cash bail of $20,000.

Arraignment will be on June 5 at 9am.

When a police officer responded to the house, he saw the victim with bruises on her mouth and inner lower lip. The victim told police that Fitial grabbed her mouth and tried to pull her teeth out.

Laniyo stated in his report that when a police officer responded to the couple's house last May 13 at 10:08pm, he observed damage on the windows of a van that was parked next to the house's door.

Fitial allegedly admitted causing the damage.

The officer handcuffed Fitial and brought him to his patrol car. The officer, who requested for medics and interviewed the injured victim, later observed damage to the front and rear windshields of another vehicle that was parked at the eastern part of the house.

The officer learned that Fitial damaged an Acer computer and over 30 louvers in two bedrooms, kitchen, and bathroom.

The victim told police that she was getting ready to sleep that night when Fitial yelled outside and threatened to kill her.

She said Fitial got mad at her because of her plan to attend a fiesta and that she did not invite him.

Fitial managed to forcibly open the back door and once inside, started breaking items and beating her up.

Fitial then tried to exit the back door of the house when a police officer arrived. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

USP4GG holds first health screening of 2017

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA
The U.S. Pinoys For Good Governance staff and Marianas Medical volunteers pose for a picture last Sunday during their free health screening event at Beach Road, Garapan.

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The NMI chapter of an activist organization held a free health screening for the public last Sunday in front of the YCO Hardware Store along Beach Road in Garapan.

According to U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance chair Dr. Celia Lamkin, they typically offers this kind of service quarterly but this year's first screening was conducted late.

Lamkin said they seek to increase community awareness of health issues and to educate each one of what they can do to avoid health complications.

Lamkin said most people don't get checked as often as they should and may not even know that they suffer high blood pressure or high blood sugar. Not being aware of this could possibly result in many complications, Lamkin told *Saipan Tribune.*

According to her, over 60 people availed of the services that were offered last Sunday.

Lamkin, who was pleased with how many showed up and availed of the organization's free health screening services, shared with *Saipan Tribune* how she initiated the first free health screening on island and she is pleased with the progress it has been making over the years. "I am very pleased that so many organizations are doing it now."

Last Sunday, the group did Body Mass Index check, blood sugar check, blood pressure check, health consultation, and breakfast for participants.

Lamkin also acknowledged Marianas Medical Center for volunteering. According to Lamkin, MMC has been assisting their organization since the first health screening they conducted.

USP4GG will be conducting another health screening for the public, but no date has been set yet.

Finance: Telesource resolved $4.6M taxes it owes

Telesource CNMI Inc. has already resolved the $4.6 million it allegedly owes the CNMI government for the tax period ended in 2011, 2012, and 2015.

The Division of Revenue and Taxation informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday that it has issued a certificate of release of CNMI tax lien to Telesource.

The notice states that Telesource has satisfied the requirements for the taxes and penalties, according to Richard F. Santos, Taxation collection and remittance branch manager.

Therefore, Santos said, the lien for these taxes and additions have been released.

Last February, Taxation filed a tax lien against Telesource CNMI Inc. for allegedly owing the government $4,595,410 in taxes for tax period ended in 2011, 2012, and 2015.

Telesource CNMI allegedly owes corporate income tax in the amount of $4,593,827 for tax period ended in 2012; manufacturing and wholesaling tax, $1,489 ended in 2011; and monthly business gross revenue tax, $94 ended in 2015. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

ERWIN ENCINARES
Participating chefs in the annual Chefs Competition last Saturday included, from left, Imperial Pacific Resort's Shivji Sasidharan, Hyatt Regency Saipan's Tony Agulto, Grandvrio Resort's Richard Meimban, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Vicente Montoya, Kanoa Resort's Sonny Encarnacion, and Mariana Resort and Spa's Roding Domingo.

Hyatt wins first place in junior chef competition

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Hyatt Regency Saipan's Tony Agulto placed first in the annual certified Angus beef Chefs Competition last Saturday during the final leg of the 19th Taste of the Marianas Festival at Garapan Fishing Base.

Agulto, 25, was guided by Hyatt executive sous chef Zenn Tomokane for the competition. He prepared a dish that revolved around local produce such as plantains, sweet potato, and breadfruit along with a mango vinegar rub made from scratch. Agulto cooked steak with a chip medley and a tomato and passion fruit salsa.

"It's a local style dish and I wanted to show what you could do with the ingredients from the farmers market in Garapan," he said.

Agulto's dish was inspired by the flavors that were within his reach. "The idea to utilize local fruits and vegetables was mine and everybody's idea from the beginning. [Everything] was local except for the steak," he said.

Agulto has been with Hyatt for three years and has been in the industry for about six years already.

Agulto won $500 as first placer, Kanoa Resort's Sonny Encarnacion, 24, won $300 as second placer, and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Vicente Montoya won $200 as third placer.

Judging the dishes were Iliana Pacheco of Triple J, Samantha Nuyda of iHop, and Ken Stewart, the "Guam Food Guy." When it came to judging, Pacheco and Nuydan agreed that there were a few standouts in the group.

"All of them had good plating," said Nuyda.

"All of them had different presentations with the beef and there are certainly a few chefs that stood out. A few chefs perfectly cooked it, melt-in-your-mouth goodness," said Pacheco.

According to Stewart, Saipan has always been coming up with the most creative and original dishes.

"[The participants] knew what kind of meat they were working with, but everyone came up with something totally different, so I found it very difficult to judge because all of them were splendid," he said.

Six hotels participated in the cookoff, including Imperial Pacific Resort, Mariana Resort and Spa, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Grandvrio Resort.

EVMF to host 2017 summer program

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The Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation will be hosting its 2017 Summer Program starting June 5 and is inviting parents to sign their children up. The theme for this year's program is Thankfulness, Empowerment, Respect, and Giving Back.

The summer program will include presentations from local speakers, instructional teachings, various activities such as golf lessons at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, beach cleaning, educational field trips to places like the Commonwealth Health Center, cultural lessons in crafts and history, and appreciation of Saipan's underwater beauty and environment on a submarine trip.

EVMF's 2017 Summer Program is a six-week program starting on June 5 and ending on July 14.

There will be three groups of 30 students. The first group will consist of children from the northern part of the Commonwealth. The program for this batch starts on June 5 to June 15.

The second group will consist of children from the central part of the island and will be from June 19 to June 29.

The third group will consist of children from the southern area of Saipan and will start on July 3 and end on July 13.

Orientation for the north batch of students will be on June 2, for the central batch on June 16, and for the southern batch on June 30.

The program is free, courtesy of proceeds from the 2017 Hyatt Classic Golf Tournament. The foundation would also like to thank Hertz Rent-a-Car for its support with transportation.

EVMF is located in Gualo Rai, across from Bali Fashion, above Kylie's Bakery. For inquiries, EVMF can be reached at 253-2340 or 483-0162.

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Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde.

Gersonde said he received the call about the Talafofo fire at 3:20pm.

A few hours before the Talafofo fire, firefighters from the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Aircraft Rescue Firefighting and DFEMS extinguished two separate brush fires in As Gonno.

Gersonde said brush fires also broke out on Tinian on Thursday and on Rota on Friday.

On Friday, brush fires occurred near the Hopwood Middle School in San Antonio and in As Gonno.

He said another fire swept through bushes in Paupau last Saturday.

Gersonde said they are still investigating the cause of these wildfires.

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in tandem with local government heads, would be able to persuade the federal government to "either lift the cap or give a little more flexibility for the CNMI."

"We are very remote from the U.S. mainland and are very dependent on foreign labor," he said.

In a report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, or GAO, it said that zeroing out the CW-1 program in December 2019—as required by law—would negatively impact the CNMI economy.

Since 2009, the CW-1 program has been used to provide the temporary laborers the CNMI needed. It has already been extended once; its prior deadline for abolition was in 2014.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), who believes that reaching the cap justifies the GAO report, said that although the CNMI economy is consistently growing, "such growth cannot be achieved without foreign labor workers to support the limited number of U.S. citizen workers available in the CNMI."

"…If our economy can't grow, essential public services are compromised," he added.

Concepcion echoed a similar comment.

"There is no other way to go around it. We need to have a way to get easy access to foreign labor to staff our industries because without adequate workforce we can't move forward," said Concepcion.

The CW-1 cap has been breached for the third straight fiscal year, a feat that has alarmed local business owners as well as numerous government agencies. The CW-1 cap for fiscal year 2018 was breached last May 27 after U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services received a sufficient number of petitions. Although USCIS has yet to release a specific numerical limit for fiscal year 2018, it is a statutory requirement that every fiscal year the numerical limit of the CW-1 cap goes down. Fiscal year 2017's cap was set at 12,998.

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12,998 to 15,000 in the current fiscal year, 2017.

Torres said that having limited access to eligible workers has been the CNMI's problem since the Commonwealth's economy started to pick up in the last three years. "The potential loss of investment has been a serious consideration that highlights the difficulty of growing an economy while having limited access to labor."

"Despite this dilemma, it is important to note that the CNMI takes seriously its responsibilities under the transition program and is willing to place hard lines in order to protect the existing economy."

He added that he took a risk in allowing a large number of construction workers acquire the limited number of CW-1 permits, which U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service and the local private sector know of.

Torres, however, changed his request in February 2016. "During a meeting with former USCIS director Leon Rodriguez, I requested that USCIS no longer issue CW-1 permits for construction occupations. I reiterated this concerns with the Department of Homeland Security during our Section 902 consultations."

"We made several announcements in the local media for our private sector partners to be responsible in their use of the CW-1 program and to pursue alternative visa classifications where available."

'Unknown' workers

He said USCIS data showed that there are approximately 1,500 workers under the Standard Occupational Classification Group 47-000 for fiscal year 2015. SOCG 47-000 is for construction and extraction occupations like carpenters, masons, carpet installers, tile and marble setters, and electricians.

Torres added USCIS data over the years showed significant improvement but "the total number of construction workers who were present prior to Oct. 1, 2015, is difficult to ascertain. For [fiscal year] 2014, 8,221 permits were classified as 'unknown' occupations by USCIS."

"In fact, more than 92 percent of all CW-1 permits issued for [FY 2014] were classified as 'unknown.' As FY 2015 data showcases an improvement in the number of CW-1 permits classified as 'unknown,' it may be possible that the 'unknown' figure in FY 2015 of 1,118 may contain employees who would ordinarily fall into [SOCG] 47-000."

Torres said that ending access to SOCG 47-000 would have a negative impact on the CNMI. "There exists a real possibility that ending access to employees classified under [SOCG] 47-000 in the CW-1 program will negatively affect ongoing developments in the CNMI."

"Yet in the absence of greater controls and safeguards that will ensure the protection and wise use of the limited CW-1 visas, this policy is necessary."

He said the difficult choices presented to the CNMI right now are to continue the operations of existing enterprises against the need to grow the economy. "This choice is particularly difficult because, as the most recent [U.S. Government Accountability Office] report shows, with a growing economy more and more U.S. workers are finding employment in a wider selection of jobs."

"It is important to state that in the CNMI, much like any open market-based economy in the world, workers seek for jobs that fit their skills and interests. Despite having a number of unemployed individuals in the CNMI, their entrance into the labor force is highly dependent on their skills to perform the vacant positions or fill a position occupied by a foreign worker and their interest in taking the position."

However, Torres, said, they don't have the ability to force an individual to work. "The best chance we have to reach full employment of every able-bodied man and woman is to grow the economy so that a diverse selection of jobs and competitive wages finds the willing employee to fill that position. This is occurring now, but can only occur when there are new businesses and economic growth."

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flicts or of natural causes.

In his remarks, Torres said that Memorial Day allows the community to gather and honor those who helped protect the CNMI and the nation's freedom, and are now guarding their loved ones and others from above.

"For over a decade, we have gathered here on this stretch of land in one of the Pacific's most peaceful places to pay tribute to the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedom," said Torres.

"Memorial Day brings many emotions to our hearts and minds. For some, it brings memories of warmth, of the many things experienced with our heroes while they were with us. For others, the feeling of pain, as they mourn the absence of their loved ones."

The feeling of gratitude sums up the emotion felt by all every Memorial Day, he said. "Today, we come together not as a community in mourning, but a community that is grateful. Grateful for the work they rendered that not everyone could do."

"In our midst, they lie here before us, each a veteran of those conflicts that have affected us since the end of World War II, as well as World War II itself. They didn't all know each other in life, but are now forever linked in a sacred fraternity in the next life."

"We can rest assured that history has recorded that they valiantly and selflessly served us well, and for that, we are thankful."

"To the families that gather here, know that we will always be here for you because of your loved one's deeds for all of us. To the veterans here today, who stand watch over their fallen comrades, we can never thank you enough for your bravery and selflessness."

"Let us continue hoping for a permanent and lasting peace that will bring the rest of our sons and daughters home, and put an end to conflicts all over the world."

"For those who gave some, and the some who gave all, we remain humble and grateful to your good and noble deeds," Torres added.

Paying tribute

U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. (ret.) Benjamin C. Palacios, who keynoted Monday morning's gathering, said the occasion not only gives the community the chance to pay tribute to all enlisted personnel who are serving but also the fallen heroes and civilians who died during World War II.

"We gather here today to pay homage to our fellow servicemen and women who gave their lives for our freedom, [and] thousands of other Americans throughout the world are doing the same," said Palacios.

"It is only right that we pause for a moment to pay tribute to our fallen heroes who died in combat and to those civilians who lost their lives on these islands during the war."

He said cemeteries in the United States and in other foreign lands are filled with rows of crosses as a silent tribute to the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the battlefield. "Some battlefields are well remembered and others long since forgotten from wars, both declared and undeclared."

"Those crosses stand as memorials to those killed in wars. 'All gave some, some gave all.' Those fallen heroes have a right to demand of us, the living, that we preserve, cherish, and pass on to future generations their precious legacy to our nation and to our islands."

Palacios added Memorial Day is also a chance to honor the unnamed and missing soldiers. "When we honor unknown service members in Memorial Day ceremonies, we honor the missing and unidentified dead of all our service members in all our wars."

"Who they were, where they came from, their ages, their station in life, their race or their creed. None of these are known to us."

From all walks of life

CNMI Military and Veterans Affairs Office executive officer U.S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. (ret.) Oscar C. Torres said that yesterday's Memorial Day service is an important occasion that honors the sacrifices made by individuals who answered the call of serving the country.

"We're here today to honor our heroes. To remember their achievements, their courage, and their dedication. And to say thank you for their sacrifices. The service members we honor today came from all walks of life but shared fundamental qualities. They possessed courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication to duty, and integrity—all qualities needed to serve a cause larger than one's self."

He said that Americans, both men and women, have been answering the call of duty from the battles of Lexington and Concord, to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Millions of Americans have fought and died on battlefields here and abroad to defend our freedoms and way of life."

"Today, our troops continue to make the ultimate sacrifice and even as we lose troops, more Americans step forward to say, 'I'm ready to serve.' They follow in the footsteps of generations of fine Americans."

Torres added people in the entire nation pay tribute to all of those who served. "Our gathering is just one small spark in the flame of pride that burns across the nation today and everyday."

"It's not a lot, but it's one small way we can honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in freedom."

Solemn commemoration

It was a solemn program, with cultural group Simiyan Mañaina-ta giving the traditional Chamorro blessing, *O O Asaina/ Hinatsan I Latte.*

Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Luis John Castro, who also acts as the group's adviser, said the chant invokes blessing and protection.

"[It is] asking for continued protection [from] our fallen heroes in the afterlife and for their families, as well as to ask for guidance in this life to make right in the world and to continue to promote *inafa'maolek* (peace or harmony) in our world," said Castro.

The roll call of fallen comrades was the special part of the memorial tribute where families and friends of soldiers and service members laid wreaths on their graves and lit candles as their way of honoring them.

Torres, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), veterans, military service members, and other guests also laid a wreath at the Hall of Heroes, with *Taps* playing in the background and the Department of Public Safety performing a 21-gun salute.

The Saipan Southern High School JROTC Manta Ray Battalion's color guard led the posting of colors, while the Marianas High School Glee Club and Chorale sang the U.S. national and CNMI anthems.

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) was the master of ceremonies, while the Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band provided music and entertainment.

Imperial Pacific = economic miracle

The Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan, Saipan.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The popularity of the Northern Mariana Islands among travelers is peaking anew.

The December 2016-ending arrivals capped what CNMI tourism experts and stakeholders have predicted: the Northern Marianas is not only past the period of recession; it is now in "speedy recovery" period.

In essence, the entry into the local economy by the Hong Kong-based investment powerhouse is now the economic miracle that is unfolding.

According to an independent report prepared by a leading tourism and travel group—Horwath HTL—that was presented in January this year for the Marianas Visitors Authority, the entry of Imperial Pacific International, among others, brought "considerable attention" to the islands.

"[T]he CNMI in general, and especially Saipan, received considerable attention from new investors, triggered by the grant of new casino (license)…," said a portion of the 45-page report of Horwath HTL.

Horwath HTL is considered the world's leading hotel, tourism, and leisure consultant.

MVA, the government's tourism and marketing arm, commissioned the group for an independent feasibility and sustainability study on the islands' tourism development.

Visitor arrival grew 11 percent by end of 2016 with 530,525 arrivals compared to 478,592 in 2015. This is only the fifth time since 1998 that the volume of arrivals breached the 500,000-mark. It was this period when Imperial Pacific's investment started to make waves.

According to Horwath HTL, while the 2016 arrival was high, similar to the level before Japan Airlines' pullout in 2005, it is around 200,000 less than the market's peak year.

This positive growth brought by Imperial Pacific has been felt within. Imperial Pacific's contributions have also helped breath new life to the local economy.

The Hong Kong-based investment giant's flagship investment on Saipan has already added millions of dollars to the economy in additional revenues through taxes and fees that were generated in just the last two years compared to the NMI government's revenue intake in the last 10 years combined.

From 2015 to April 2017, Imperial Pacific contributed $201.6 million. These were from combined payments of Business Gross Revenue Tax, corporate income tax, excise tax, casino license fees, Commonwealth Casino Commission operation fund, donations and payroll withholding tax.

The company is now the largest private sector employer in the Marianas. With over 1,500 employees it remitted $6.630 million in payroll withholding taxes to local treasury. This covers the period from 2015 to end of April 2017.

These contributions led to a revived economic vigor. More residents found employment and public services received additional funding. These are for government pension plan for the nearly 3,000 retirees, public education, hospital/medical care, power, water, and sewer (utility) services, to mention a few.

From Day 1 when Imperial Pacific decided to invest on Saipan, its intention was to also help Saipan recover and rebuild its economy, after being battered with external factors such as the Asian financial crisis in 1998 and 1999, the turbulent global environment in early 2000, the SARS crisis in 2003, and the decline of the Japan arrivals—the principal travel market—resulting from the pullout of Japan Airlines in 2005.

Today, there is renewed confidence on the islands. Imperial Pacific is being credited for this turnaround.

Arrivals are not only back, it is climbing fast to levels that independent travel watchers weren't expecting that soon. Arrivals from China took over the market, accounting for over 30 percent of the total volume and replacing the historically dominant player, Japan.

The seriousness of Imperial Pacific's investment and commitment to the islands' recovery spurred unprecedented global attention. Existing hotels and businesses are being renovated, if not flourishing anew.

It's just a matter of time when all of the Northern Marianas will experience a very stimulated economy it once felt.

And Imperial Pacific believes that Saipan has always been a strategic location. (***Press Release***)

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PCC holds commencement rites

The Palau Community College held its 54th commencement exercises last May 19, 2017, with 139 graduates receiving degrees.

The graduating class finished the following programs: agricultural science (11), criminal justice (nine), community and public health (nine), early childhood education (13), elementary education (17), special education (two), environmental/marine science (one), liberal arts (four), library and information services (one), nursing career ladder (seven), STEM (science, technology, engineering & mathematics) disciplines (two), business accounting (six), business administration (three), information technology (six), office administration (six), tourism & hospitality: food & beverages (four), tourism & hospitality: hotel management (two), tourism & hospitality: hotel operations (three), tourism & hospitality: tour services (one), automotive mechanics technology (12), construction technology (three), electrical technology (five), general electronics technology (five), and small engine & outboard marine technology (seven).

One graduate was recognized for completing the PCC Adult High School Program.

The Palau Community College and San Diego State University also congratulated 24 graduates who completed the San Diego State University's master of arts degree in Education.

Commencement officiators included Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons, Reklai Raphael B. Ngirmang, Education Minister Sinton Soalablai, Pastor Hedrick Kual, SDSU Institute Collaborative for Distance Learning and Center for Pacific Studies Project Coordinator & Instructional Designer Dr. Theresa Lally, SDSU vice president for Research and dean of Graduate Affairs Dr. Steven Welter, SDSU chair, Department of Administration, Rehabilitation & Postsecondary Education Dr. Caren L. Sax, State Minister Billy G. Kuartei (also the vice chairman of the PCC board), PCC student trustee Jedidah E. Masahiro, PCC president Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and Supreme Court Chief Justice Arthur Ngirakelsong.

Tellei gave the welcoming remarks that recognized officiators, guests including Palau Vice President Arnold Oilouch, U.S. Embassy in Palau-mission deputy Daniel Katz, senators and delegates from the 10th Olbiil Era Kelulau, members of Palau Diplomatic Corps, parents, and families of the graduates.

The commencement speaker was Sen. Stevenson Kuartei, a member of the Pacific medical society and also a proprietor of the Pacific Family Medical Clinic in Palau. He has written numerous articles in local newspaper such as the *Tia Belau* which provided health tips. Highlights of his impressive medical career include being a director of Public Health prior to being a minister of the Belau National Hospital in 2008.

Construction Technology program graduate Rdiall L. Tellei and Education program graduate Jed M. Gibson were both given the honor of valedictorian. ***(PR)***

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

General Manager (1)

Must have 5 years related experience and /or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. The primary responsibilities of the General Manager include directly supervising the restaurant employees, managing operations in the front and back of the house with a high concentration on profitability, safety, sanitation, and sales growth, while constantly maintaining company's standards of quality and service. Responsibilities also include developing managers and team members. General Manager must be able to work a flexible schedule, which include weekends, holidays, and late nights. Additional responsibilities include developing and maintaining professional functional working relationship with restaurant hourly employees and the franchise organization. Managing the restaurant floor, focusing on regular contact with guests. Handling guest complaints in a professional and timely manner. Carrying our supervisory duties such as recruitment and hiring, training, directing workflow, appraisal performance, rewarding and disciplining employees, and resolving complaints and problems. Completing required reports and paperwork accurately and on time. Maintaining personnel files with appropriate employment and legal documents.

Manager (2)

Must have 2-4 years related experience and /or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. The primary responsibilities of the Manager is assisting the General Manager in directly supervising the restaurant employees, managing operations in the front and back of the house with a high concentration on profitability, safety, sanitation, and sales growth, while constantly maintaining company's standards of quality and service. Responsibilities also include assisting the General Manager in developing team members. Managers must be able to work a flexible schedule, which include weekends, holidays, and late nights. Additional responsibilities include developing and maintaining professional functional working relationship with restaurant hourly employees and the franchise organization. Managing the restaurant floor, focusing on regular contact with guests. Handling guest complaints in a professional and timely manner. Carrying our supervisory duties such as recruitment and hiring, training, directing workflow, appraisal performance, rewarding and disciplining employees, and resolving complaints and problems.

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-17-IFB-017

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A CUBICLE WORKSTATIONS/PARTITIONS AND OFFICE FURNITURE/FIXTURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDING SAFETY CODE DIVISION SECTION, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Supply and Delivery of a Cubicle Workstations/Partitions and Office Furniture/Fixture for the Department of Public Works, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after May 23, 2017 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **June 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 20, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-17-IFB-017**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time June 23, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 23, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 23, 2017 and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **July 5, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, July 10, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, on July 23, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Thirty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/SWMD17-RFP-016

IDENTIFICATION, SEPARATION, STAGING, RECOVERING, PERFORMING VOLUME REDUCTION, AND DISPOSING OF DEBRIS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON SOUDELOR

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals to provide for Identification, Separation, Staging, Recovering, Performing Volume Reduction, and Disposing of Debris Generated as a result of Typhoon Soudelor, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-210** (competitive sealed proposals) of the Procurement Regulations.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The Scope of Services will be available on or after **May 16, 2017** at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950. A non-refundable payment of One-Hundred-Dollars (US$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the Solid Waste Management Division office.

A **Mandatory** Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station on **June 2, 2017.** Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950 or fax to (670) 322-2762 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time **June 14, 2017.**

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW/SWMD17-RFP-016."** For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposal must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **June 20, 2017.**

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose.** Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **June 20, 2017,** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 20, 2017** and must be received no later **June 29, 2017.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of proposal.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section **70-30.3-245** and must be able to obtain a CNMI Business License prior to contract award.

Procurement of these services is made in accordance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-210 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposals for the project will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Technical Approach: (40% weight)
2. Qualifications of Key Staff: (25% weight)
3. Representative Projects: (25% weight)
4. Cost: 10%

Technical merit is more important than price and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase.

Award shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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NMIS valedictorian aims to be a chef

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

The valedictorian of the Northern Marianas International School says he wishes to be a chef during the school's graduation last Saturday at the Grandvrio Resort.

John L. Bayking, who was promoted to high school as valedictorian of the Class of 2017, would be attending Marianas High School.

"I am happy with what I have achieved so far in my life," he said, adding that he was happy to be able to finally get into high school. He did acknowledge that it's going to be tougher. "I think [high school] would be hard, as they all say."

Bayking said his plan to become a pastry chef has been in his head since he was in sixth grade.

Bayking

Salutatorian Mikaela T. Vergara, who also looks forward to high school life at MHS, plans to become a photographer in the future, according to her yearbook entry.

Vergara

"It feels great to be looking forward to a new chapter of my life," said Vergara when asked about her upcoming high school life. Like Bayking, Vergara is also expecting harder subjects in high school.

Eddie B. Valdoz was named the elementary valedictorian of NMIS.

Bayking received awards as a participant in the 2017 regional spelling bee competition, second placer at the Thespian regional competition, qualifier for the National Junior Forensics League regionals, and a participant at the Academic Challenge Bowl.

Vergara was promoted to high school as president of the NMIS Student Council and is a regional finalist of the National Junior Speech and Debate Association/Thespian regional finalist.

The graduates of NMIS. ERWIN ENCINARES

Hopwood promotes 307

A total of 307 Hopwood Middle School students were promoted to high school last Thursday at the campus grounds.

Cruz

The class valedictorian, Jhanylin Marielle Cruz, plans to go to Marianas High School and ultimately become a pediatrician.

Capayas

"I'd like to maybe one day be a part of Doctors Without Borders," she said, while also expressing an interest in DWB, an international humanitarian nongovernmental organization that provides medical humanitarian support in war-torn countries.

"In general, I want to help them get better," said Cruz. If the opportunity to serve the community arises, however, she assured that it would not be ignored.

Salutatorian Jenny Ann Capayas is both happy and proud of her awards. "I hope my family and friends are happy about it as well," she said.

Like Cruz, Capayas also plans to attend MHS.

The Best in Math award went to Karen Li and Ryan Kang. The Best in Social Studies award went to Princess Hannah Batallones and Charline Ebreo. The Best in Science award went to Batallones and Victoria Dela Cruz. The best in Chamorro Carolinian Language and Heritage Studies award went to Dela Cruz and Kang, while the Best in Leadership went to Miguel Quiambao. The Best in English language arts award went to Cruz and Josephine Balbin, while the Best in Physical Education went to Dela Cruz. The best in CTE Computer Literacy award went to Ralph Villas, while the Best in CTE Agriculture went to Kang. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

ERWIN ENCINARES
A total of 307 students got promoted to high school at Hopwood Middle School.

GCA seniors go their separate ways for college

ERWIN ENCINARES
The 20 graduates of Grace Christian Academy sing for their parents.

The 19 graduates of Grace Christian Academy have gone their separate ways after their graduation last May 26 at the school campus, but most have fond memories of their time together.

Ito

Dalusung

"I have grown up with these people for four years and it is just [amazing] how…we've grown as a class," said class valedictorian Minna Natsuko M. Ito. "I would cherish all of the memories that we've made [as a class]."

She said she feels overwhelmed by the thought that she would soon be leaving the island for her education.

Ito plans to go to the Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois, where she will major in speech methodology with emphasis on those with autism.

"I plan to come back to the island. That is my current plan as of now," she said.

If, for some reason her plans change, she would like to work in Chicago, since that is where the university is located.

Salutatorian Francis Joseph E. Dalusung, who plans to attend a community college in California, said he doesn't want to rush.

"I plan to take general education at first and when I find something I am passionate about, I will transfer to a bigger college," he said, adding that residency in California may assist him financially in the future.

For now, Dalusung would be attending Cyprus College in Orange County.

Dalusung, besides being a former Math Court regional qualifier, is also a national academic championship team member with Ito and would be competing in Washington, D.C. this June 2-4. Both Dalusung and Ito were also team members of the 2017 high school mock trial competition that won second place. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Tabuena leads SSHS' graduating class

A total of 139 students finished high school at Saipan Southern High School last Thursday, with valedictorian Marylyn Y. Tabuena leading the graduates in their march toward higher education.

Tabuena

Tabuena, who plans to take up accounting at the Northern Marianas College, plans to work here first. "After two years, I am planning to go to Washington [state] for my master's."

Tabuena also received the lieutenant governor's Leadership Award and the Board of Education award.

Rafanan

"I was so surprised I had to ask the administrator if they were joking with me. I did not expect to be valedictorian at all. I was expecting Top 10 at least but when I heard the news I was so thankful," she said, adding that she just found out about it a few days ago.

Salutatorian Ezekiel V. Rafanan plans to attend the University of Portland in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in computer science.

"From then on, I plan to go to graduate school or go to the Naval Academy," he said.

When asked if he has plans to return, Rafanan said that all he has planned for so far is getting to college. "Once I finish, I'd see where it goes from there," he added.

Rafanan, who also got the lieutenant governor's Leadership Award, the Commissioner's Award, and the governor's Leadership Award, is interested in pursuing a master's degree in computer science or any form of engineering.

The 139 senior graduates of Saipan Southern High School. ERWIN ENCINARES

Desirae I. Deleon Guerrero received the SSHS Principal's Award. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Triple J, ChaCha team up to raise over $17K for MMAC

Triple J and Marianas March Against Cancer officials have their photo taken. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Triple J team 3J4Life partnered with ChaCha Middle School for this year's 15th Marianas March Against Cancer, raising a total of $17,208.42. This is the second year that Triple J has participated as a team and the third year for ChaCha. The team theme was "Survivor," with the tent and baton decorations symbolizing "Survivor Island," complete with natural materials and an entire island of sand in the middle of tent.

"We were so excited to partner with a school this year and really worked together to make this the best MMAC event yet for Triple J," said Iliana Pacheco, marketing manager for Triple J. "The ChaCha staff, teachers, and administrators, as well as the [children], were amazing to work with. Cancer touches us all and we wanted our tent to be a beacon and symbol of survival."

Leading up to the event, Triple J had multiple fundraisers, including donating a dollar for every ice tea sold at Tony Roma's, Truong's, Capricciosa, and Surf Club, as well as donating a dollar for every speckled lemonade sold at Bubba Gump. They also hosted Nathan's Famous hotdog fundraisers at the Little League games and collection boxes at the Triple J Truckload Store.

"Our chairman and CEO, Robert H. Jones, and his wife, Margaret Jones, really hold this event close to their hearts. Margaret is a cancer survivor and the Jones family is honored to support the CCA and their efforts to make Saipan cancer-free," said Tracy Guerrero, Triple J controller.

Despite a power outage in the early morning hours, 3J4Life and ChaCha team continued to run laps and took home a participation appreciation plaque after the event.

Triple J Enterprises Inc. has existed for over three decades. The Triple J group of companies has several major operations, which include the Triple J Auto Group, which represents Hyundai, Mitsubishi and Mazda; Triple J Rentals, the licensee for Hertz Rent A Car in Guam, Saipan, and Palau; Five Star Wholesale Foods, the distributor of high-quality food items including certified Angus beef, Hawaii Water, and Tyson food products; and, Triple J Restaurant Group,k which owns and operates Outback Steakhouse in Guam, and Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Surf Club, Tony Roma's, Capricciosa, and Truong's Vietnamese Restaurant on Saipan.

For more information, visit www.triplejgroup.net. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- May 30, from 3pm to 5pm
- May 31, from noon to 3pm

The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- June 1, from 8:30am. to 4:30pm
- June 2, from 7:30am to noon

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. ***(PR)***

Philippine passports ready for pickup

Over 400 Philippine passports are now ready for pickup at the new office of the Philippines' honorary consul to the Commonwealth.

Filipino citizens who applied to renew their passports last March through the Philippine consular outreach may pick up their renewed passports through Friday, June 2, from 9am to 5pm, at the new office, on the second floor of Building D at the Finasisu Terraces (top of New Finasisu minimart). The office will be closed from 12pm to 1pm daily. Filipinos who wish to pick up their renewed passports are required to bring their old passports and their receipt. For additional information, call the Philippine Consulate General support office at 233-6293. ***(PR)***

Child seat, seatbelt checkpoints set

On Saipan, the Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol will be conducting occupant protection and child restraint today, May 30. The first checkpoint will be from Beach Road, Chalan Laulau to Beach Road, San Antonio from 9am to 11am. The second will be from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, San Jose to Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, Dandan from 12pm to 2pm. Police will also be conducting laser speed enforcement along various highways.

On Rota, the first setup on June 2 is from 6am to 7:15am at the San Francisco highway Tatachog area. The second from 6pm to 7:15pm is at the San Francisco highway Sonton area.

On June 3, the first setup is from 6am to 7:15am along the San Francisco highway Lotgan area. The second setup from 6pm to 7:15pm will be along the San Francisco highway by Teteto beach. ***(PR)***

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- Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity (talk to your doctor about any limiting chronic conditions)
- Get at least 7 to 8 hours of sleep
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight
- Get help to quit or don't start smoking
- Limit alcohol use to one drink or less
- Wear a helmet when riding a bike and wear protective gear for sports
- Wear a seatbelt in cars and not text and drive
- Not use illegal drugs or misuse prescription drugs

Talk To My Doctor At Least Once A Year About:

- My weight, height, diet, and physical activity level
- My tobacco and alcohol use
- Any violence in my life
- Depression and any other mental health concerns
- Preventing falls with vitamin D and exercise
- Who will make health care decisions for me if I am unable to

Ask If I Need These Tests, Medicines, or Vaccines This Year:

- Blood pressure
- Cholesterol (75 and younger*)
- Colorectal cancer (75 and younger*)
- Diabetes (70 and younger*)
- Flu
- Hepatitis B and hepatitis C
- HIV
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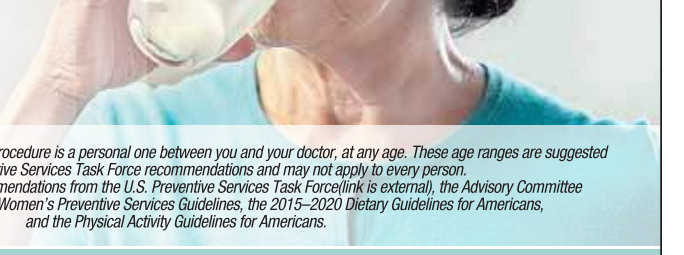
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Tuberculosis



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WHAT IS BULLYING?
Types of Bullying

VERBAL BULLYING
is saying or writing mean things.

Verbal bullying includes:
- Teasing
- Name-calling
- Inappropriate sexual comments
- Taunting
- Threatening to cause harm

SOCIAL BULLYING
sometimes referred to as relational bullying, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships.

Social bullying includes:
- Leaving someone out on purpose
- Telling other children not to be friends with someone
- Spreading rumors about someone
- Embarrassing someone in public

PHYSICAL BULLYING
involves hurting a person's body or possessions.

Physical bullying includes:
- Hitting/kicking/pinching
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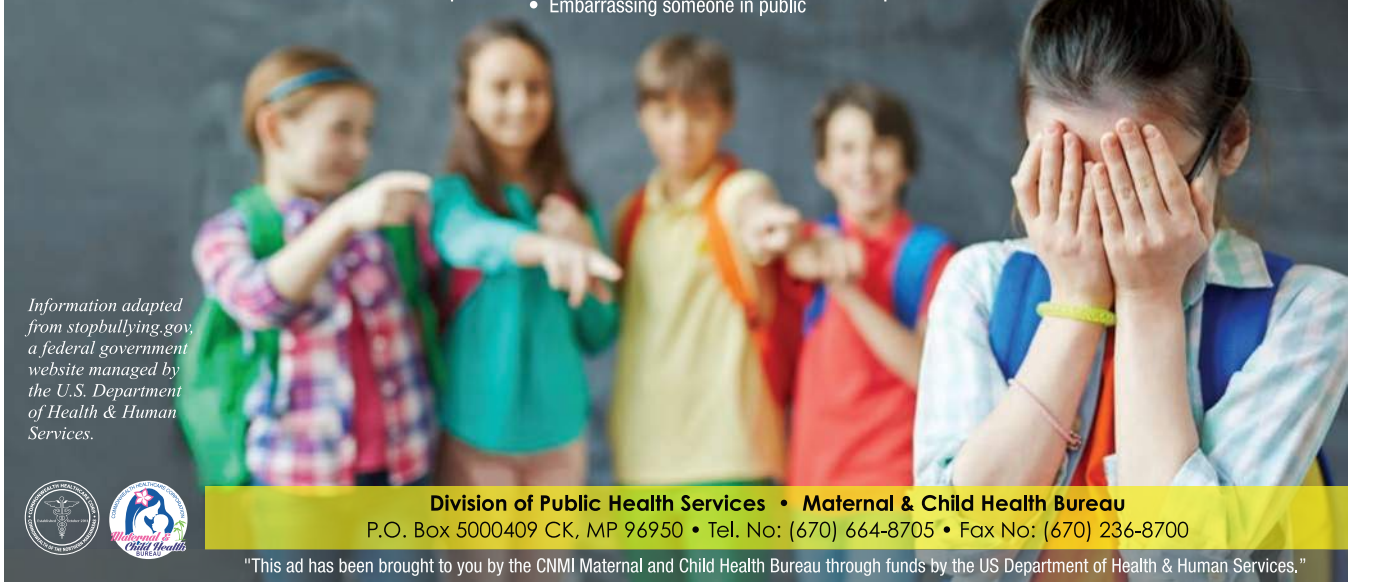

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EDITORIAL

Proposed tax on remittances won't fix America's broken immigration system

Bills being floated in Congress by a handful of Republicans would impose taxes on remittances—money U.S. residents send abroad, usually to relatives—to pay for President Donald Trump's proposed border wall. The idea is as flawed as Trump's own ridiculous assertion that Mexico must and will eventually pay for the wall.

Mexico ranks first among nations that receive remittance money, usually by wire transfer, from U.S. residents. In 2015, Mexicans received $24.32 billion in such funds, more than Mexico earned from oil exports. Like almost all U.S. companies, wire transfer services such as Western Union or Moneygram typically do not require proof of legal immigration status before accepting customers' business.

It's unknown how much of the remittances come from undocumented migrants, but they are hardly the only residents sending money abroad. Under the Border Wall Funding Act of 2017, a bill proposed by Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., remittance senders would have to pay a 2 percent tax, regardless of the sender's legal status or whether the sender has already paid federal taxes on that income.

The idea, Rogers suggests, is to make "countries that benefit from our porous borders and illegal immigration" pay for the wall.

Although an estimated 30 percent of the U.S. undocumented population comes from Asia, Africa and Europe, Rogers' tax would apply only to money sent to Latin America or the Caribbean. Stiff penalties—up to $500,000 in fines and 20 years in prison—could be levied on anyone who tries to remit money without paying the fee.

Another bill proposed in the Senate would impose an additional fee of 7 percent on anyone making wire transfers who cannot prove legal immigration status. The bill effectively would turn Western Union employees into immigration agents.

Neither bill limits the definition of remittance to personal money transfers. That could mean that the fees and penalties would apply to bank wire transfers made by companies—including those owned by Trump himself. Trump owns properties in Latin American countries covered under Rogers' bill. Many billionaires, possibly including Trump, maintain offshore bank accounts in countries such as Panama where taxation and reporting rules are more lax. Panama is among the nations listed in Rogers' bill.

These plans also are self-contradictory. If the goal is to pay for a wall that keeps migrants out, why make it less rewarding to stay home and receive money from friends and relatives in the U.S.? The bills penalize those who are doing exactly what Trump wants: Staying put.

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Why Trump is right about terrorists being 'losers'

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"Loser" is strange word.

Literally and most plainly, it is simply someone who doesn't win some specific contest or challenge: the loser of a race, boxing match, business deal, etc. Economists routinely talk about how this or that policy—on trade, taxes, whatever—creates "winners and losers."

A big part of Donald Trump's winning appeal in the 2016 election was that Americans were on the losing end of trade policy. Trump took it further, arguing that we don't win wars or anything else anymore. Elect me, he promised, and you'll grow tired of all the winning.

But here's the thing: The logical and semantic inference of this rhetoric is that Americans, Trump voters or the American military are losers.

Now, hold on. That rage building in some of you at the suggestion that Americans, Trump voters or the American military are losers perfectly illuminates the problem with the word "loser." The moment you use it to describe a person or a group, the meaning changes profoundly from an objective descriptor to a subjective epithet.

Tom Brady is widely seen as the greatest quarterback in the history of football. But even Brady loses games from time to time. Try watching the Patriots play in a Boston bar sometime. If the Patriots lose the game, announce, "Brady is a loser," or, "The Patriots are losers." In a technical sense, you'd be right, which would amount to cold comfort in your hospital room.

I bring all of this up because in his statement on the Manchester terror attack, Trump said that terrorists are "evil losers."

"I won't call them 'monsters' because they'd like that term," Trump said. "I will call them, from now on, 'losers,' because that's what they are. They're losers. And we'll have more of them, but they're losers."

The response from many Trump critics has been a mixture of outrage and eye rolling.

Part of the problem is that "loser" is one of Trump's favorite insults. As USA Today cataloged, he's used it against everyone from Rosie O'Donnell to George Will and Standard & Poor's. Not only has he called me a loser, but a "total loser."

But I don't think he was calling me a terrorist.

Moreover, I don't think he's wrong to call terrorists "losers." In the West, a lot of the people attracted to Islamic extremism are losers in all the meanings of the word. Omar Mateen, the avowed disciple of ISIS who killed 49 people at a nightclub in Orlando, was a screw-up and school bully who dreamed of becoming a police officer but ended up a very disgruntled security guard instead. The Manchester bomber, Salman Abedi, a college dropout, appears to have been a misfit.

Islamic terrorist organizations are hardly the only groups to recruit from the ranks of loserdom. Street gangs, neo-Nazis and countless communist fronts have been seducing resentful oddballs, outcasts and misanthropes. It simply makes sense that such people would be attracted to such groups. Radical causes provide a sense of meaning, belonging and importance to people who lack such things in their daily lives. Throughout Europe, the reserve army of jihadists is full of people who feel alienated or deracinated in Western society. In other words, they feel "lost," which is a kind of losing. The extremists tell the disgruntled that their resentments are righteous and give these losers the opportunity to settle scores.

On the other hand, in some non-Western societies, terrorists aren't losers in the pejorative, schoolyard-epithet sense, but they are losers nonetheless. Osama bin Laden was the scion of a wealthy and prominent family. Ayman al-Zawahiri, bin Laden's successor as the head of al-Qaida, was from a successful Egyptian family of doctors and was himself a surgeon. They chose to become terrorists for ideological reasons. Subscribing to a doctrine first explicated by Sayyid Qutb, an Islamist intellectual, they believed that the true faith was losing the battle with the forces of modernity and the West.

President Trump may not have all these distinctions in mind when he calls terrorists "losers," but that doesn't mean he's wrong.

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Preventing HIV in the CNMI

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May 19 was observed in the U.S. as National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. It is a day to help prevent HIV and AIDS, help those who are living with the disease, and encourage individuals to get tested for HIV in Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

Asians and Pacific Islanders comprise a small percentage of only 2 percent of all new HIV infections in the U.S. In the CNMI, HIV is still low in numbers, but high numbers of bacterial sexually transmitted infections like Chlamydia and gonorrhea shows the population is at risk. Locally, since 1997, of all the 33 HIV infections in the CNMI, Asians accounted for 58 percent and Pacific Islanders accounted for 42 percent of new HIV diagnoses. Gay or bisexual men account for 24 percent of the total HIV infections. In fact, the most recent infections in the CNMI come from this very vulnerable population.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends getting tested for HIV if:

■ You are between the ages of 13-64, you should get an HIV test at least once in your lifetime as part of routine healthcare.

■ You've had sex with someone whose sexual history you don't know.

■ You've had more than one partner since your last HIV test.

■ You've been diagnosed with an STD, hepatitis or tuberculosis.

■ You are pregnant.

■ You are gay or bisexual. Some may benefit from even more frequent testing, depending on their risk.

■ You've had sex with an HIV-positive partner.

■ You've shared needles or works to inject drugs.

■ You've exchanged sex for drugs or money.

Many factors can reduce someone's chance of getting or transmitting HIV. Abstinence, or not having sex, is a sure way not to get infected. For people who are sexually active, there are more ways available today to prevent HIV. Choosing less risky sexual behaviors, taking medicines to prevent and treat HIV, and using condoms are good ways to reduce the risk of getting or transmitting HIV. Reducing the number of sexual partners can lower the chances that you will have a sex partner who will transmit HIV to you. Here other things that you can do to reduce your chances of getting infected:

■ Use condoms the right way every time you have sex.

■ Reduce the number of people with whom you have unprotected sex.

■ Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, are medicines that you can take to prevent HIV infection. PrEP is recommended for anyone who is in a sexual relationship with an HIV-positive partner, anyone who does not always use condoms when having sex with partners known to be at risk for HIV, or gay or bisexual males who have been diagnosed with a STI within the past six months, and those who have injected drugs and shared needles.

■ If you have a recent possible exposure to HIV and tested HIV negative, talk to your doctor right away (within three days) about post-exposure prophylaxis that can stop an infection.

■ Get tested and treated for other STDs and encourage your partners to do the same.

■ If your partner is HIV positive, encourage your partner to get and stay on treatment.

You can also reduce your risk for getting or transmitting HIV by not sharing needles or works. You're at very high risk for getting or transmitting HIV if someone else uses your needles after you've used it. People use needles for many reasons—to inject drugs for medical purposes like insulin to treat diabetes, get high, change their appearance, or for tattoos and piercings. No matter the reason, never share your needles with anyone to lower your chances of getting or transmitting HIV.

If you test positive for HIV, the most important thing you can do is to be on antiretroviral therapy and take medication every day. ART is recommended for all people with HIV to stay healthy and prevent transmission to others. Your primary care provider can help with this. If you're taking ART, follow your health care provider's advice.

Testing for HIV is fast and easy. Knowing your HIV status gives you powerful information to help you take steps to keep you and your partner healthy.

If you would like more information on HIV testing, contact the Division of Public Health HIV/STD Resource & Treatment Center at 664-4050.

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The 5 worst Americans in history

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I am a sucker for lists.

A few weeks ago, sparked by reading yet another claim that Donald Trump is the most "fill in the blank" in American history, I Googled "the worst American in history." I thought there was a list for everything somewhere in Googleland, but there was no decent list for this.

So I decided to construct a respectable ranking of the five worst Americans in history. I surveyed a group of about 30 academic and popular American historians, political scientists and law professors, asking them to nominate five figures from American history. Contemporaries were eligible, but had to earn their place against over 200 years of stiff competition.

I purposefully sketched only loose criteria for being the "worst." I asked that nominations include only people who held positions of public responsibility or power—elected officials, business magnates, judges, polemicists, generals and so forth. I was not looking for the most evil people such as serial killers and sex criminals.

Lists are fun but also edifying. They reflect both the times in which they are made and the stories, not always the truths, that endure. You can be the judge of what this list suggests.

The list is not mine. It reflects the results of my little highly unscientific survey.

■ Richard M. Nixon: Nixon was the clear winner (or loser). His nominations often included remarks such as "obvious" or "of course." However, several people noted they didn't include Nixon because he had many redeeming accomplishments (opening relations with China, domestic initiatives that are now considered liberal). Still, Vietnam, Watergate and a legacy of mistrust in government that lingers trumped the positive, as it were.

■ Nathan Bedford Forrest (tie for second): Forrest, a planter and slave trader, was a lieutenant general in the Confederate Army. He was accused of war crimes after his troops massacred a garrison of black Union troops after they surrendered in April 1864. Forrest made this list, however, because he was an early and famous founder of the Ku Klux Klan and is thought to be its first Grand Wizard.

■ Joseph McCarthy (tie for second): The word "McCarthyism" is synonymous with political persecution, paranoia and slander because of the man who served as a Republican senator from Wisconsin from 1947 to 1957. Ironically, the legal and political brain behind McCarthy was Roy Cohn, an early mentor to the next man on the list.

■ Donald J. Trump (tie for second): I tried and failed to steer the survey panel away from contemporary figures. As one historian wrote, "No, it is not too early to tell." We'll see.

■ J. Edgar Hoover: History has had ample time to judge the first director of the FBI. Hoover held on to that job from 1935 until his death in 1972 using blackmail, secret files and illegal spying. His record of harassing dissenters and abusing power makes him one of the greatest enemies of the Constitution ever, according to our nominators.

RUNNER-UP

Benedict Arnold: The Revolutionary War traitor symbolizes all traitors for Americans.

(DIS)HONORABLE MENTION

Father Charles Coughlin: Coughlin, a Catholic priest who had a popular radio show in the 1930s that promoted fascism and anti-Semitism, may have been America's first mass propagandist. Though he garnered as many mentions as Hoover, he doesn't qualify for the final five because several people nominated him only in a group with demagogues as one entry: for example, "Charles Coughlin, Jimmy Swaggart, other televangelists" and "As one, Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Ann Coulter, Father Charles Coughlin."

If groups of similar "worsts" counted, several would have made the top five.

There were many nominations for individuals that undermined Reconstruction or supported white supremacy after the Civil War, including: John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's murderer; Andrew Johnson, Lincoln's nearly impeached successor; Ben "Pitchfork" Tillman, a South Carolina politician who was an infamous white supremacist from the 1880s until his death in 1918; Henry Billings Brown, the Supreme Court justice who wrote the decision in the 1896 case of Plessy v. Ferguson that legitimized state-sponsored segregation using the doctrine of "separate but equal."

There were multiple nominations for the enemies of desegregation in the mid-20th century: George Wallace, the Alabama governor and 1968 presidential candidate; Eugene "Bull" Connor, the sheriff of Birmingham, Ala., who fought civil rights with

beatings and police dogs (a symbol for "many white Southern sheriffs," one historian wrote).

Several nominees symbolized atrocities against Native Americans, including Andrew Jackson and Daniel F. Royer ("the agent who spurred on the Wounded Knee massacre" in 1890). Slavery in America doesn't seem to have iconic anti-heroes; if it did, I think one would have topped the list.

Others receiving multiple nominations include: Aaron Burr, for killing Alexander Hamilton; Dick Cheney, for leading the charge into the second Iraq war; Bernie Madoff, for the greatest Ponzi scheme ever.

The name on the top five that will spark the most argument, of course, is Donald Trump. Whether his spot on the list is deserved, it speaks volumes about his status today, in just the early months of his presidency.

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Most Capitol Hill Republicans and Democrats have, so far, shown little patience for gimmicks designed to help Trump fulfill his more outlandish campaign promises. Neither a wall nor a tax on remittances will fix what's wrong with America's broken immigration system.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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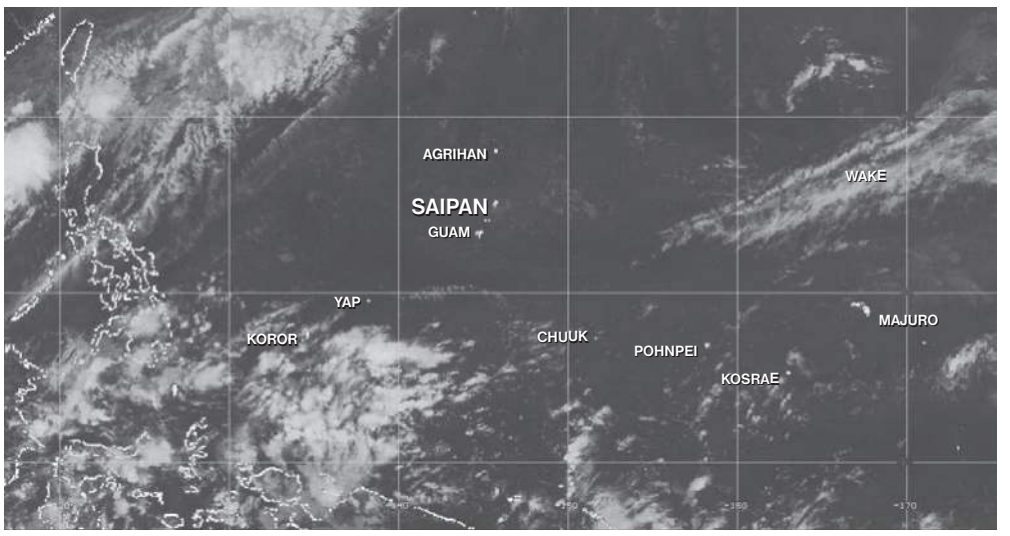

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MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly cloudy	89 | 80 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	85 | 78 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	88 | 75 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87 | 81 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86 | 80 °F
Kosrae	Partly cloudy	86 | 80 °F
Majuro	Partly cloudy	85 | 80 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Rain	63 | 53 °F
Beijing	Sunny	91 | 74 °F
Hong Kong	Mostly cloudy	83 | 77 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	85 | 73 °F
London	Mostly cloudy	70 | 52 °F
Los Angeles	Partly cloudy	77 | 61 °F
Manila	Mostly cloudy	89 | 79 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	53 | 43 °F
Miami	Thunderstorms	89 | 79 °F
New York	Cloudy	65 | 58 °F
Osaka	Sunny	86 | 68 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	75 | 54 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	89 | 64 °F
Rome	Sunny	84 | 58 °F
Salem	Mostly cloudy	79 | 54 °F
San Francisco	Cloudy	62 | 52 °F
Seoul	Partly cloudy	83 | 61 °F
Tokyo	Sunny	83 | 68 °F
Washington, DC	Cloudy	79 | 61 °F

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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

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Commonwealth Cancer Association
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CNMI COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM

Cancer Survivors to Celebrate

Life on National Cancer Survivors Day

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Cancer survivors in the CNMI will unite to show the world what life after cancer looks like. This unique celebration was also celebrated during the recent 2017 Marianas March Against Cancer (MMAC) were survivors took the victory lap, received medallion and enjoyed the commemorative dinner provided by MMAC, thru generous sponsors, volunteers, family members and the Teams, marking the 14th annual MMAC Event a resounding success.

Hundreds of people in villages across the islands. and right here in the CNMI will hold celebrations on this day to honor cancer survivors and to show that there is life after a cancer diagnosis – and it's something to celebrate.

The 6th Commonwealth Cancer Survivors Day is an annual Celebration of Life sponsored by the Commonwealth Cancer Association in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation-NCDB/Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. It is the one day each year that we come together to honor everyone who is living with a history of cancer – including America's 14 million cancer survivors. "A 'survivor' is anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life,"

CCSD provides an opportunity for cancer survivors to connect with other survivors, celebrate milestones, and recognize the healthcare providers, family, and friends who have supported them along the way. It is a day for cancer survivors to stand together and show the world what life after cancer looks like.

Survivors may face physical, emotional, social, and financial challenges as a result of their cancer diagnosis and treatment. Many are confronted with limited access to specialists, a lack of information about promising new treatments, inadequate or no insurance, difficulty finding employment, and psychosocial struggles.

"To say that cancer is challenging is an understatement." "But it is a challenge that millions of people – 14 million in the U.S. alone – 300 plus in the CNMI are overcoming. The CCA & CHCC-NCDB/Comprehesive Cancer Control Program hopes that through National Cancer Survivors Day, we can not only bring awareness to the issues survivors face but also honor for the courage and strength of all those who are living with a history of cancer."

The Commonwealth Cancer Association is encouraging a greater commitment to resolving quality of life issues for cancer survivors. "More resources, patient navigation, and increased public awareness are needed to improve the quality of life of cancer survivors." "Because of advances in modern medicine, cancer survivors are now living much longer after diagnosis. However, long-term survivorship poses its own unique challenges."

All Cancer Survivors are invited to

Celebration of Life Mass

Sunday, June 4, 2017
8:00am
Kristo Rai Church, Garapan

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Cancer Survivors Summit/Gala

11:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday, June 4, 2017
Hyatt Regency Saipan
Sand Castle

Commonwealth/National Cancer Survivors Week-Day
Theme: "Rainbow of Hope"
May 28–June 4, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday May 29	**Paint the Villages Purple Ribbon**
Tuesday, May 30	**KKMP Interview** **Proclamation Signing** Governor's Conference Room 9:00 a.m
Wednesday May 31	**My Story Interview** KKMP
Thursday June 1	**My Story Interview** KKMP
Friday June 2	**My Story Interview** KKMP
Saturday June 3	**Survivors' Bagging** 8:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m. Joeten Markets
Sunday June 4	**National Cancer Survivors Day** Celebration of Life Mass, Kristo Rai Church 8:00 a.m. **Cancer Survivors Summit/Gala** Hyatt Regency Saipan-Sand Castle 11:00am-2:00pm

Please join us!

US Navy works to revive starlings in Guam

ASAN, Guam—Working to create a healthier, more robust ecosystem for Guam, U.S. Navy officials recently celebrated a milestone in their efforts to revive the dwindling bird population of Micronesian starlings.

The Micronesian Starling Nest Box Project, which began 15 months ago on Andersen Air Force Base, aims to increase the population of Micronesian starlings in Guam.

In November 2015, a team of researchers and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas scientists installed nest boxes on utility poles on AAFB, and the first starling eggs were found laid in these boxes sometime in March 2016. In May 2017, the team identified a total of 206 starling chicks that were grown enough to fly from the safety of their nest boxes.

"We believe we have made a huge step in growing birds," said Julie Savidge, professor in the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation at Colorado State University and one of two principal investigators in the project. "Everybody is really excited about that."

Micronesian starlings—one of only two remaining native forest bird species in Guam—are the subject of this project that provides them with brown tree snake-resistant nest boxes on AAFB. This baby bird boom occurred over the course of more than a year with no sign of interference from brown tree snakes, which are responsible for the decimation of the bird population.

While the number of Micronesian starlings in Guam before the nest box program is not known, it is thought to be less than 500, according to Savidge. The starling population prior to the introduction of the brown tree snake is also not known, but was described in historical accounts as common to abundant.

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A snake-resistant nest box provided for Micronesian starlings sits on a utility pole on Andersen Air Force Base. More than 200 starling chicks have hatched in protected nest boxes on Andersen since March 2016 as part of the Micronesian Starling Nest Box Project funded by the Navy. Inset shows a Micronesian starling.

"That would mean you could basically find them throughout Guam," Savidge said. "I think that if you went out for a drive, you would see them. Now, you have to know where to look to be able to find that species."

In addition to restoring the populations of a native bird species for cultural and aesthetic reasons, indications are the starlings have a positive impact on the island's forests based on related research the team did on Micronesian starlings on Saipan in collaboration with a team from Iowa State University focusing on vegetation. The two universities are studying the impact of losing fruit dispersers because of predation by brown tree snakes, in a project funded by the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program.

"We learned [on] Saipan that Micronesian starlings are one of the very best fruit dispersers of native forest tree species," Savidge said. "They eat a variety of fruits and they disperse them pretty far. They're dispersing them into degraded forests too, which could help restore forests." Savidge said this species has the potential for being really important to helping maintain and restore Guam's forests.

"I am really happy with the success of this project," said Shermaine Garcia, natural resources specialist, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental division. "I believe the research being done with starlings will contribute greatly to the development of future bird conservation strategies and forest enhancements plans."

Currently, a total of 72 nest boxes have been installed on AAFB to support this project, and environmentalists believe its usefulness may extend beyond the starlings.

"Tree snake exclusion devices developed for this project may be helpful in bringing back the Micronesian kingfisher, a federally endangered bird that has been extirpated from Guam," said Jim Watkins, conservation program supervisor, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental division. "Because starlings and kingfishers both nest in cavities, there is hope that success with starlings can also benefit the return of kingfishers."

The next step for the research team in Guam is to determine what happens to the starlings after they have fledged, or have flown from their nest boxes. To do that, team members have begun to attach colored bands to nestlings in the bird boxes.

In the coming months, as researchers record sightings of banded birds that have grown, they hope to be able to determine more about the birds' lives, including how well they survive away from the protected nest boxes, and whether they return to the boxes to nest. The team also plans to attach transmitters to a smaller number of the birds so they can be tracked by telemetry. This may provide more data about the starlings' real-time location and habits. ***(USN)***

Walberg, Sablan offer bill to fight human trafficking

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep Tim Walberg, chairman of the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), ranking member of the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, introduced the *Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act*. The bipartisan bill ensures the Department of Labor effectively trains its employees to recognize and respond to the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain.

"Human trafficking is a heinous form of modern-day slavery that knows no geographical boundary—it happens across the globe and right in our backyards," said Walberg (MI-07). "In the course of inspecting workplaces for potential violations, Department of Labor employees often have a front line view to identify patterns of labor exploitation. Providing these employees with the proper training to detect and respond to the signs of human trafficking is an important part of the larger comprehensive effort to eradicate this unthinkable crime."

"Human trafficking preys on the most vulnerable in society. I have seen firsthand some terrible cases of this scourge in recent months as certain companies lured foreign workers to come to the Northern Marianas through false promises and misrepresentations, withheld their pay and passports, and subjected them to horrible working and living conditions," stated Sablan. "I applaud[Walberg's] leadership on this issue and look forward to working with him to make sure that the Department of Labor has the tools and resources they need to combat human trafficking." ***(PR)***

SAIPAN OUTREACH

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Filipino workers on Saipan pose with Philippine Consul Edgar Auxillian, Philippine honorary consul Glicero Arago, and representatives of the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs and Assistance to Nationals last Wednesday night at the Kanoa Resort.

Memorial Day

Members of VFW Post 3457 were among those who attended yesterday's Memorial Day ceremony at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.
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A Sikorsky H-60 helicopter by the U.S. Navy does a fly over.
JON PEREZ

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, from left, and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, second left, present the wreaths to a family member of one of the veterans that is laid to rest at the cemetery.
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Simiyan Mañaina-ta members lead the traditional O'Asaina blessing chant.
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The Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band provided the music in yesterday's ceremony.

Sen. Justo Quitugua, center, lights a candle for a relative while his wife, Public School System associate commissioner Jackie Quitugua, offers a prayer.
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Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang lays a wreath on the grave of his wife Antonia.
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The Marianas High School Glee Club and Chorale, left, lead the singing of the U.S. National and CNMI anthems while the Saipan Southern High School's JROTC Manta Ray Battalion color guard posts of the colors.
JON PEREZ

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, 14th right, joins CNMI officials and other dignitaries for a group photo after the wreath laying ceremony.
JON PEREZ

Business

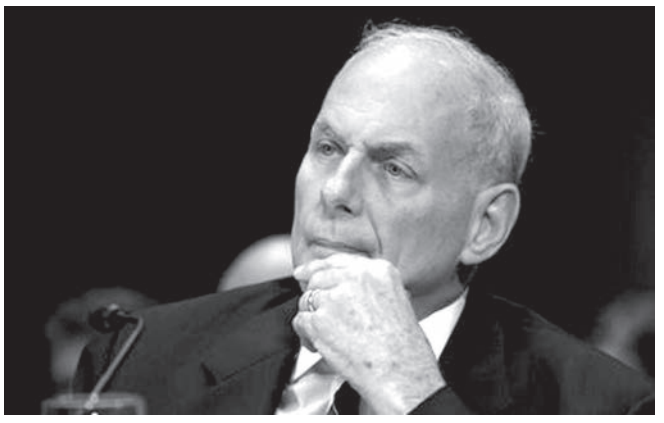
US official mulling greatly expanded plane laptop ban

WASHINGTON (AP)—Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly said Sunday he's considering banning laptops from the passenger cabins of all international flights to and from the United States.

That would dramatically expand a ban announced in March that affects about 50 flights per day from 10 cities, mostly in the Middle East. The current ban was put in place because of concerns about terrorist attacks.

The ban prevents travelers from bringing laptops, tablets and certain other devices on board with them in their carry-on bags. All electronics bigger than a smartphone must be checked in.

Kelly was asked on "Fox News Sunday" whether he would expand the ban to cover laptops on all international flights into and out of the U.S.



AP

In this Thursday, May 25, 2017, file photo, Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly listens on Capitol Hill in Washington, while testifying before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee on FY'18 budget.

His answer: "I might."

The current U.S. ban applies to nonstop U.S.-bound flights from 10 international airports in Amman, Jordan; Kuwait City, Kuwait; Cairo; Istanbul; Jeddah and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Casablanca, Morocco; Doha, Qatar; and Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. About 50 flights a day, all on foreign airlines, are affected.

Worker loses mother and job

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: I have apparently been fired because I took time off to help my dying mother. For seven years, I was employed by a physician who frequently praised my work. Six months ago, when my mom was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, "Dr. Parker" approved my taking an unpaid leave of absence to care for her.

Before I left, Dr. Parker gave me a goodbye hug and promised to keep my position open. When a coworker asked him if I would be coming back, he said, "Absolutely." I asked about completing paperwork for the Family & Medical Leave Act, but he said our office was too small to be covered by that law.

While I was out, Dr. Parker never responded to any of my updates. I sent him an email after my mother died but never received a reply. He wouldn't return my phone calls to the office and, when I finally called his personal cell number, he sent a text saying, "Sorry, can't talk now."

I recently learned that my claim for unemployment compensation was denied because Dr. Parker claimed I quit voluntarily. Now I have not only lost my mother but also lost my job. Can I do anything about this?

A: Your cowardly employer is a self-centered jerk. His indifference to your plight clearly illustrates why the Family & Medical Leave Act was created. But if his practice employs fewer than 50 people, then he is unfortunately correct about being exempt. However, other avenues of legal assistance might be available.

If there are at least 15 employees, and if you are in a protected group (age, race, national origin, etc.), call the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to see if federal discrimination laws may apply. To challenge your denial of unemployment, contact the appropriate state agency. For additional possibilities, consult an attorney who specializes in employment law.

But even if legal alternatives exist, you should weigh your desire for justice against the practical reality of quickly finding another job. If Dr. Parker's recommendation is essential to your re-employment, you may need to put aside your anger and request a favorable reference. Odds are that he'll be willing to provide one—especially if he feels somewhat guilty about throwing you overboard.

Q: To increase my odds of being promoted, I would like to let management know that I have just completed my master's degree. Since my immediate supervisor is already aware of this, I'm primarily interested in impressing the managers above him. Do you have any suggestions?

A: The key is to find an appropriate reason for sharing this information. For example, if your organization provided educational assistance in the form of money, time, or schedule flexibility, you might send a brief thank-you email to your supervisor and appropriate higher managers.

Alternatively, you could request a personnel record update by emailing human resources and copying your supervisor and his boss. Or perhaps you can think of other logical motives. Just remember that your goal is to provide information for a specific purpose, not to say, "Hey, look at me, I've got a master's."

Nation

Memorial Day's lost meaning

ANNVILLE, Pa. (AP)—Allison Jaslow heard it more than once as the long holiday weekend approached—a cheerful "Happy Memorial Day!" from oblivious well-wishers.

The former Army captain and Iraq War veteran had a ready reply, telling them, matter-of-factly, that she considered it a work weekend. Jaslow will be at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday to take part in the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. She'll then visit Section 60, the final resting place of many service members who died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"You can see it in people's faces that they're a little horrified that they forget this is what the day's about," said Jaslow, 34, who wears a bracelet bearing the name of a fallen comrade. "Culturally, we've kind of lost sight of what the day's supposed to mean."

While millions of Americans celebrate the long Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial start of summer—think beaches and backyard barbecues, mattress sales and sporting events—some veterans and loved ones of fallen military members wish the holiday that honors more than 1 million people who died serving their country would command more respect.

Or at least awareness.

"It's a fun holiday for people: 'Let's party.' It's an extra day off from work," said Carol Resh, 61, whose son, Army Capt. Mark Resh, was killed in Iraq a decade ago. "It's not that they're doing it out of malice. It just hasn't affected them."

Veterans groups say a growing military-civilian disconnect contributes to a feeling that Memorial Day has been overshadowed. More than 12 percent of the U.S. population served in the armed forces during World War II. That's down to less than one-half of a percent today, guaranteeing more Americans aren't personally acquainted with a soldier, sailor, airman or Marine.

With an all-voluntary military, shared sacrifice is largely a thing of the past—even as U.S. troops remain in Afghanistan and Iraq nearly 16 years after 9/11.

"There are a lot of things working against this particular holiday," said Brian Duffy, commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"It hurts," Duffy said. For combat veterans and Gold Star families especially, "it hurts that, as a society, we don't truly understand and appreciate what the true meaning of Memorial Day is."

Jaslow's group, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, is trying to raise awareness with its #GoSilent campaign, which encourages Americans to pause for a moment of silence at 3 p.m. Monday to remember the nation's war dead.

Of course, plenty of Americans already observe the holiday. At Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, about 100 miles northwest of Philadelphia, fresh flowers mark hundreds of graves, and fields of newly erected American flags flap in the breeze. Hundreds of motorcyclists thundered in for a Saturday service. By the end of the weekend, thousands of people will have come to the cemetery to pay their respects.

"This is our Super Bowl," said Randy Plummer, the cemetery's administrative officer.

Jim Segletes, 65, a Vietnam-era Marine visiting the grave of his father-in-law, a World War II veteran who died in 2000, said he thinks Americans became more patriotic and aware of military sacrifice after 9/11.

"Everyone is more in tune with veterans, more so than when I was in the service," he said.

Douglas and Rene Kicklighter, Iraq veterans at the cemetery with their 10- and 12-year-old sons, said they believe most people understand what the holiday's about. But they, too, cringe when they hear: "Happy Memorial Day."

Trump eyes White House overhaul, outside lawyers and PR team

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump is considering overhauling his White House staff and bringing back top campaign strategists, frustrated by what he views as his team's inability to contain the burgeoning crisis involving alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

Expanding teams of lawyers and experienced public relations hands are being recruited to deal with the drumbeat of new revelations about Moscow's interference and possible improper dealings with the Trump campaign and associates. The disclosures dogged the president during his first trip abroad since taking office and threaten to overwhelm and stall the agenda for his young administration.

As he mulls outside reinforcements to his operation, Trump returned late Saturday from his nine-day journey to a White House seemingly in crisis mode, with a barrage of reports hitting close to the Oval Office and involving Jared Kushner, his son-in-law and influential adviser.

A rally planned Thursday in Iowa was postponed due to "an unforeseen change" in Trump's schedule.

After maintaining a limited social media presence throughout his trip, Trump on Sunday unleashed a furious flurry of tweets, lashing out at what he called the "fake news" media. He focused heavily on leaks - both those coming out of the White House and an intelligence leak blamed on Americans about this week's deadly bombing at a concert in England.

On the bombing investigation Trump said: "British Prime Minister May was very angry that the info the U.K. gave to U.S. about Manchester was leaked. Gave me full details!"

Trump also said that "many of the leaks coming out of the White House are fabricated lies." He added that it is "very possible that those sources don't exist but are made up by fake news writers."

Even when authorized, however, top officials in the Trump White House frequently request anonymity to brief reporters "on background," meaning their names will not be disclosed.

The latest reports in the Russia matter said Kushner spoke with Russia's ambassador to the United States about setting up secret communications with Moscow during the presidential transition.

While overseas, Trump's longtime lawyer, Marc Kasowitz, joined a still-forming legal team to help the president shoulder the intensifying investigations into Russian interference in the election and his associates' potential involvement. More attorneys with deep experience in Washington investigations are expected to be added, along with crisis communication experts, to help the White House in the weeks ahead.

Asia

PH forces make gains in southern city under siege

Government troops on board their armored personnel carrier, pass a convoy of displaced residents to continue their offensive against Muslim militants in Marawi, southern Philippines Monday, May 29, 2017. AP

MARAWI, Philippines (AP)—Philippine forces now control most of a southern city where militants linked to the Islamic State group launched a bloody siege nearly a week ago, authorities said Monday.

Only small areas of Marawi are under militants' control after six days of fighting, said Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla, the military spokesman. In recent days, gunmen have managed to fend off attack helicopters, armored vehicles and scores of soldiers.

About 100 people have died in the violence, including some civilians, although authorities were still trying to assess the scope of the bloodshed.

"We can control who comes in and who comes out, who moves around and who doesn't, and we are trying to isolate these pockets of resistance that have remained," Padilla said.

Philippine National Police Chief Ronald de la Rosa said the operation takes time because Marawi is urban, allowing gunmen to move quickly from building to building to evade capture.

"I cannot give operational details, but I am sure they are also human, they will get tired," he said.

The crisis in Marawi, home to some 200,000 people, has raised fears that extremism is growing in the southern Philippines as smaller militant groups unify and align themselves with the Islamic State group.

On Sunday, Philippine forces said they found corpses in the streets, including at least eight civilians who appeared to have been executed by militants.

The violence prompted President Rodrigo Duterte last week to declare 60 days of martial law in the southern Philippines, where a Muslim separatist rebellion has raged for decades.

Padilla said Sunday the bodies of four men, three women and a child were found near a road close to Mindanao State University in Marawi.

Eight other men were found gunned down and thrown into a shallow ravine early Sunday in Marawi's Emi village, said police officer Jamail Mangadang. A paper sign attached to one of the men indicated that the victims had "betrayed their faith," he said, identifying the men as civilians.

Marawi is a mostly Muslim city.

In addition to the civilian deaths, Padilla said 61 militants, 11 soldiers and four police were among the dead.

The violence erupted last Tuesday night when the government launched a raid to capture Isnilon Hapilon, who is on Washington's list of most-wanted terrorists. But the operation went awry and militants rampaged through the city, torching buildings and battling government forces in the streets.

A priest and several worshippers were taken hostage. There was no word on their condition.

Hapilon, an Islamic preacher, was once a commander of the Abu Sayyaf militant group who pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group in 2014. He now heads an alliance of at least 10 smaller militant groups, including the Maute, which has a heavy presence in Marawi and has been instrumental in fighting off government forces in the current battles.

All of the groups are inspired by the Islamic State group. Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana told reporters that Hapilon has received funds from the Islamic State group.

Washington has offered a $5 million reward for information leading to Hapilon's capture.

NKorea fires short-range ballistic missile off western Japan

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea fired a short-range ballistic missile that landed in Japan's maritime economic zone Monday, officials said, the latest in a string of test launches as the North seeks to build nuclear-tipped ICBMs that can reach the U.S. mainland.

This launch of a suspected Scud-type missile, which the South Korean military said flew about 450 kilometers (280 miles), may also be an attempt to demonstrate North Korea's ability to strike U.S. and South Korean troops in the region.

The missile launched from the coastal town of Wonsan, the South's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement. It landed in Japan's exclusive maritime economic zone, which is set about 200 nautical miles off the Japanese coast, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said. He said there was no report of damage to planes or vessels in the area.

Because Monday's test—the North's ninth ballistic missile launch this year—was apparently of a short-range variety of which Pyongyang has a surplus of reliable missiles, it may have been meant more as a political and military message to outsiders than as a crucial test of not-yet-perfected technology.

The content of that message is open to interpretation, but some see a resolve to ignore U.S.-led pressure, which has included vague threats from President Donald Trump and the arrival in Korean waters of powerful U.S. military hardware, while also showing that the North can hit U.S. targets near and far. Scuds are capable of striking at American troops in South Korea, for instance, and two newly developed missiles tested earlier this month have potential ranges that include Japan, Guam and even, according to some South Korean analysts, Alaska.

North Korea is still thought to be several years from its goal of being able to target U.S. mainland cities with a nuclear intercontinental ballistic missile. It has a strong arsenal of short- and medium-range missiles and is working to perfect its longer-range missiles.

North Korea's state-controlled media had no immediate comment. But a day earlier, the North said leader Kim Jong Un had watched a separate, successful test of a new type of anti-aircraft guided weapon system. It wasn't clear from the state media report when the test happened.

The official Korean Central News Agency cited Kim as ordering officials to mass-produce and deploy the system all over the country so as to "completely spoil the enemy's wild dream to command the air."

The North's nuclear and missile programs are perhaps the biggest foreign policy challenges to the new leaders in Washington and Seoul.

Trump has alternated between bellicosity and flattery in his public statements about North Korea, but his administration is still working to solidify a policy to handle its nuclear ambitions.

Monday's launch was the third ballistic missile launch by North Korea since South Korean President Moon Jae-in was inaugurated on May 10. He has signaled an interest in expanding civilian exchange with North Korea, but many analysts say he won't likely push for any major rapprochement because North Korea has gone too far in developing its nuclear program.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters that "North Korea's provocation by ignoring repeated warnings from the international society is absolutely unacceptable."

Suga, the Japanese cabinet secretary, said the missile fell about 300 kilometers (190 miles) north of the Oki islands in southwestern Japan and 500 kilometers (310 miles) west of Sado island in central Japan.

Suga said Japanese officials will discuss North Korea with a senior foreign policy adviser to Chinese President Xi Jinping, Yang Jiechi, who is scheduled to visit Japan later Monday. He said China, the North's only major ally, has been increasingly using its influence over North Korea.

Besides its regular ballistic missile test-launches, the North carried out two of its five nuclear tests last year—in January and September. Outside analysts believe North Korea may be able to arm some of its shorter-range missiles with nuclear warheads, though the exact state of the North's secretive weapons program is unknown.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Sri Lanka races to rescue flood victims before rain resumes

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Helicopters are searching for people marooned four days after rain-triggered floods and mudslides inundated Sri Lankan neighborhoods and killed at least 164 people. With more rain expected Monday, rescuers were racing to evacuate people from the most vulnerable areas. Already more than 100,000 have taken shelter in 339 relief camps set up in the south and west. Army boats skimmed waterlogged streets, while able-bodied flood victims waded through brackish waters to army trucks carrying relief supplies. Officials say at least 104 people are still missing.

2 killed, 18 injured in knife attack in southwest China

BEIJING (AP)—A man said to be mentally ill attacked 20 people with a knife in southwest China, killing two, authorities said. The suspect, identified as Chen Guangliang, 30, was detained following Sunday afternoon's attack along a roadway in Guizhou province, according to a statement posted on a local government website. Two of the 20 injured people taken to a hospital died, the Zhenning County public security bureau said. The remaining 18 were in stable condition as of Monday, authorities said. Chen's father told authorities that his son had a history of mental illness, according to the initial statement. Prior to the attack, Chen attempted to set fire to a gas station, according to state broadcaster CCTV. Local and provincial police were investigating and no further details were immediately available.

Rescuers retrieve bodies of 3 Indian climbers from Everest

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Rescuers have retrieved the bodies of three Indian climbers who died on Mount Everest. One of them died last weekend, while the other two died last year but the bodies had not been removed. It took Sherpa guides several days to bring down the bodies from near the summit to a lower camp from where they were picked up by a rescue helicopter on Sunday. The bodies are being kept at Tribhuwan University Teaching Hospital in Kathmandu, where doctors will perform autopsies. Family members of one of the climbers said they were relieved that the body was recovered, providing closure. Six climbers have been killed and hundreds have scaled the 8,850-meter (29,035-foot) peak this year.

World

More arrests in Manchester attack; UK remains on high alert

LONDON (AP)—British police made two more arrests and stormed three more locations Sunday as they hunted for suspects in the Manchester bombing, while a government minister said members of attacker Salman Abedi's network may still be at large.

Greater Manchester Police said two men—one 25 years old and the other 19—were arrested in the city on suspicion of terrorist offenses. Eleven other men between the ages of 18 and 44 also were in custody.

Most of the searches and arrests since Monday night's bombing have been in multi-ethnic south Manchester, where Abedi—the son of Libyan parents—was born and raised.

Police say that 1,000 people are working on the investigation, trying to track down Abedi's accomplices and piece together his movements in the days before he detonated a bomb at an Ariana Grande concert. The explosion killed 22 people—including seven children under 18—and injured more than 100.

Abedi died in the blast. Investigators say they have dismantled a large part of his network, but expect to make more arrests.

"The operation is still at full tilt," Home Secretary Amber Rudd said, adding that some suspects could remain at large.

"Until the operation is complete, we can't be entirely sure that it is closed," she said.

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Members of the British Muslim Forum and religious leaders from Christian and Jewish faiths pay their respects at St Ann's square in Manchester, England Sunday May 28, 2017.

British police now have 13 suspects in custody—including Abedi's elder brother Ismail—and have searched properties across Manchester, a city in northwest England. Another brother and Abedi's father have been detained in Libya.

Police have released surveillance-camera images of Abedi on the night of the attack that show him dressed in sneakers, jeans, a dark jacket and a baseball cap. The straps of a backpack are visible on his shoulders.

Authorities are appealing for more information about his final days. They say he returned to Britain from Libya on May 18, and likely completed assembling his bomb at a rented apartment in central Manchester.

There were prayers for the victims at church services across Manchester on Sunday. In Rome, Pope Francis led thousands of people in St. Peter's Square in prayer, saying he was "close to the relatives and all those who are weeping for the dead."

On Saturday, Britain lowered its official terrorism threat level from "critical" to "severe" after police said they had dismantled a large part of Abedi's network.

But security remained high at major events across Britain on Sunday, including the Great Manchester Run road race, where police armed with submachine guns protected thousands of participants and spectators.

Peter Hook, a member of seminal Manchester band New Order, was among the runners and said the tragedy had brought people together.

"I've always had a pride in this city, ever since I was born," he said. "They picked the wrong people to mess with this time."

The government is facing criticism after acknowledging that Abedi was on security services' radar, but wasn't a major focus of scrutiny.

Rudd said Sunday that intelligence agencies were monitoring 3,000 suspected extremists and had a wider pool of 20,000 people of interest.

"I would not rush to conclusions ... that they have somehow missed something," Rudd said.

The family of one victim, 18-year-old Georgina Callander, said her life had been cut short by "evil, evil men prepared to ruin lives and destroy families."

Egypt's answer to latest attack reflects despair, resolve

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's response to the latest deadly attack against its sizable Christian minority—a wave of airstrikes against Islamic militant installations in eastern Libya—may be a sign of both despair and resolve.

The Arab world's most populous nation, Egypt has for years been fighting Islamic militants in the northern Sinai Peninsula. The government had so far succeeded in containing them in that remote and rugged northeast corner of the country and foiled repeated attempts by the militants to seize and keep territory.

But the violence has now spilled over onto the mainland, with an increasing number of high-profile attacks, including a total of four that targeted Christians since December. The string of attacks has highlighted an ongoing vulnerability and a worrying lack of reliable intelligence by Egypt's robust security forces.

Unlike the attacks in Sinai, which have mostly targeted soldiers, police and suspected collaborators, the attacks on Christians have attracted unwanted international attention and stymied Egypt's desperate efforts to revive its tourism industry, a traditional backbone of its now-ailing economy.

Egypt's general-turned president has, since taking office in 2014, declared uncompromising resolve to defeat the militants. He also seems willing to sideline and disenfranchise almost all Islamic groups with a political agenda, arguing that violent and peaceful Islamic groups feed off each other. He has backed up his vow to restore security to this nation of 93 million with massive arms deals that added French fighter-jets, helicopter carriers as well as German submarines to Egypt's already huge arsenal of Soviet-era weapons and U.S.-made F-16 warplanes, Apache gunships and Abrams tanks.

CAN THE ATTACKS ON CHRISTIANS BE STOPPED?

The short answer is probably not, but the government can hope to reduce their frequency.

El-Sissi and his military say the attackers have come from eastern Libya, sneaking into Egypt across the porous desert border. He claims the security forces have over the past two years intercepted some 1,000 four-wheel drive vehicles that militants used to enter Egypt; 300 were caught in the last three months alone.

His military has cryptically said airstrikes in Libya were continuing "day and night" but without giving details. Egypt, in the meantime, has pushed for lifting the international arms embargo against Libya, hoping that such action would give its main ally in Libya, Gen. Khalifa Hifter, a decisive advantage in his three-year campaign against Libya's various Islamic militant groups.

Ominously, security officials say airstrikes against suspected militant training bases in Sudan, Egypt's southern neighbor, could not be ruled out. El-Sissi said on Friday he would strike at militant bases wherever they might be if militants who trained there launch attacks inside Egypt.

Egypt's relations with Sudan are currently fraught with tension over a long-running border dispute, making it easier for Cairo to justify military action there. Already, according to the officials, the military is closely monitoring the remote desert triangle where the borders of Egypt, Libya and Sudan meet in Egypt's remote southwest corner.

At home, the officials said a host of measures were under consideration to better protect Christians—whose religious calendar is packed full of vulnerable pilgrimages to monasteries and ancient churches to celebrate saints or venerate sites where the Holy Family sojourned during their biblical stay in Egypt. One measure is to either suspend such pilgrimages or closely coordinate the movement of pilgrims with security forces, a tactic that was successfully used to protect foreign tourists traveling overland in southern Egypt during an earlier Islamic insurgency in the 1990s. Another option is to significantly step up security outside churches and roads leading to monasteries, which are mostly remote and deep in the desert.

Newcomer Macron makes France's mark, with Trump and globally

TAORMINA, Italy (AP)—Within days of taking the French presidency, Emmanuel Macron faced a string of diplomatic tests—pushing the Paris climate deal on a skeptical Donald Trump, rallying European allies to do more to fight Syria's extremists, and now hosting Vladimir Putin.

Europe has a lot riding on Macron's diplomatic performance. So far, it appears, so good.

Macron struck up an unusually chummy rapport in his first meetings with Trump, winning a handshake contest and the U.S. leader's cellphone number, despite their stark political differences.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, too, is warming to the energetic Macron—they've already met three times in the two weeks since Macron took office—and is pinning hopes on him to boost Europe's economy and unity.

Macron is eager to dispel doubts about his presidential stature that have dogged him since he launched a wild-card presidential bid just six months ago.

During his very first days in office, he visited Berlin and a French military base in Mali, where the country's troops are fighting Islamic extremism. Then over this past week, he cemented his status as a new global player at a NATO summit in Brussels and a Group of Seven summit in Italy.

While he has never held elected office before, Macron was helped by his comfortable English and backstage knowledge of international summits gained as top economic adviser to predecessor Francois Hollande from 2012 to 2014, then as his economy minister.

Beyond the important issues Macron's tackling, his body language drew the most public attention on his summit outings.

The most symbolic image was his handshake with Trump at their first meeting, in Brussels. After some friendly chatter, the two gripped each other's hands so tightly before the cameras that their jaws seemed to clench. It looked like Trump was ready to pull away first, but Macron wasn't quite ready to disengage.

Macron later described the handshake as "a moment of truth"—designed to show that he's no pushover.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW: 2017 Chevy Bolt is a good car with great implications

By ROBERT DUFFER
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

People called it cool, cute, quick. The most talked-about feature was the 10.2-inch touch screen, the most divisive the plastic black-on-white dashboard design.

But the comments that best summed up reactions to the evolutionary Chevy Bolt EV came from very different sources: an 11-year-old boy and a 75-year-old retiree.

"Global warming won't be such an issue if people drive these," the boy said.

"This is the car of the future right now," his grandfather said, separately. Then he floored it.

In this everyone agreed: The Bolt is fun to drive. It is also the most significant car on the market right now.

There are no gear shifts to interrupt its linear acceleration, enabling it to hit 60 mph in 6.5 smooth seconds, or fast enough for a modest stomach drop.

The Bolt EV is not a sports car; the 17-inch wheels are too thin and the suspension and steering too soft. It's not a Tesla, either, because it costs nearly a third less. With the $7,500 federal tax credit for the new purchase of all-electric vehicles, for now, the Bolt EV starts $5 under $30,000.

It lasts long enough to overcome range anxiety, is much larger on the inside than its small footprint, and employs the most advanced technology available at a price less than the average car. With the Bolt, EVs are no longer limited-use tree-hugging compromises. Like Tesla, it is simply a good car.

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The Chevy Bolt EV has a 238-mile range and costs less than the average car. Pictured on May 8, 2017 in Arlington Heights, Ill.

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The Chevy Bolt EV simply employs the most advanced technology available and is roomy like a crossover. Pictured on May 8, 2017 in Arlington Heights, Ill.

But affordable.

But let's not skip over the fun part. The 60 kWh lithium-ion battery pack provides 266 pound-feet of torque, in the same range as many affordable sports cars. It hits 60 mph in 6.5 seconds, good enough to make passengers giggle.

Even when Tesla later this year rolls out the Model 3, on which most consumers are expected to spend about $50,000, the Bolt EV will stand on its own as an overall good car, regardless of power source — it's versatile like a hatch, nimble as a compact, roomy as a small crossover.

The Bolt EV looks and acts like a normal car except for one game-changing feature: it can go 238 miles between charges. That's enough for most round-trip commutes, even enough for most modest road trips.

While GM doesn't have the supercharging infrastructure that enables coast-to-coast travel for Tesla owners, the highway charging infrastructure is growing, thanks in part to the $2 billion infusion from Volkswagen's diesel scandal fallout.

Level 3 DC fast-charging compatibility is available for $750, giving road trippers 90 miles of range for every 30 minutes of charge.

Closer to home, most EV owners should opt to install a Level 2 charging station in their garage or building, which delivers 25 miles of range per hour of charge. Chevrolet offers one for $699, and will recommend area electricians for installation.

The kids enjoyed "filling up" the car by plugging in the Bolt EV in our standard garage 120-volt outlet (Level 1), which gets only 4 miles of range per hour of charge. The Bolt, by the way, draws as much current as a hair dryer blowing hot air, says Chevy rep Fred Ligouri.

Here's the thing: It didn't matter. We didn't plug the car in for the first two nights and after driving 45 miles starting from a 190-mile starting point, the Bolt EV still had 160 miles of range remaining.

What dark sorcery is this? Bad math? Was the gauge broken? Was there a glitch in the matrix?

No. We were driving in "L" mode, and optimizing one-pedal driving. One-pedal driving enables the regenerative braking system. Shifting the "gear" selector, which Chevy calls "electronic precision shifter" since there are no gears, from "D" to "L" means that it'll no longer coast like a normal car. Let off the accelerator in "L" and the car shrugs into a heavy sort of slow down, like other plug-in cars with this feature. The car will come to a stop on its own. So instead of coasting and burning up that kinetic energy with brakes, the regen system captures the energy and delivers it to the batteries.

There is a brake pedal, of course, to be used while playing your Journey cassette tape, or more seriously, in emergency situations. There is also a brake paddle on the underside of the steering wheel, same as in the Chevy Volt and Cadillac ELR, GM's plug-in hybrids. The paddle brake returns energy in the same manner as "L" mode, though the effect is less pronounced in speeds over 20 mph. For any hard braking, we used the foot brake. But coasting into most stops, even slowing down for a turn in "D" mode, we used the paddle. The only time we didn't use the paddle brake was at highway speeds, though it's ideal in stop-and-go traffic. Chevy estimates that using the regen system, either in "L" mode or with the paddle brake, recaptures 5 to 7 percent of the energy used in stop-and-go commuting.

It took us about two minutes to understand how to use it, and a few drives to get the timing right without coming up short at a stoplight in "L" mode.

The next best feature in the Bolt EV is the clean display and spartan dash. The cabin also has great headroom and visibility, unlike the cramped feeling in most subcompact crossovers. The center console ends at the cup holders, then there is a gap — for handbags, electronics, whatever — before the center stack.

The centerpiece of the center stack is the 10.2-touch screen. The layout is logical, clear and easy to use without a manual. The highlighted energy flow button is a nice touch. Below the screen are large audio knobs and climate control buttons.

The battery design, which consists of five modules placed in the floor laterally between the front and rear seats, keeps the cabin open. But the fourth and fifth modules are stacked on top of one another under the rear seats, so when the rear seats are folded flat, there is a 6-inch elevation in the middle of the cargo floor. We fit the usual weekend family stuff without a problem, however.

During my week with the Bolt, it grew on me. My opinions usually go in the opposite direction with cars. Even without the ecological statement it makes, the Bolt is a good car. It's fun to drive, versatile and user-friendly. It must be experienced, however, to understand how well it balances all of its advanced technology in such seamless operation.

With all automakers expanding their electrified portfolios, and the market overcoming range anxiety, the Bolt EV is the most significant car on the market, and it just may be the deal of this century.

NUTS & BOLTS

2017 Chevy Bolt EV at a glance

- Vehicle type: Electric subcompact crossover
- Base price: $37,495 (including $875 destination, excluding $7,500 federal tax credit)
- As tested: $39,295
- Range: 238 miles
- Battery pack: 60 kWh lithium ion
- Horsepower: 200 hp
- Torque: 266 pound-feet
- Parting shot: Just try it.

MOTORMOUTH: Mystery of unlocking doors could be solved with secondary key fob test

By BOB WEBER
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Q: I have a 2014 Dodge Durango with keyless entry. Getting out, I lock the car with the door lock button. Occasionally, as I start to walk away the car beeps three times and the doors unlock. This happens very randomly. I have had it in the shop several times but Dodge doesn't seem to think there's a problem. Is there a known problem or a fix?

— G.W., Minoa, N.Y.

A: Occasionally, you may have left your keys in the vehicle. Maybe the electronic key fob has fallen out of your pocket or purse. To prevent lock-out, an unlock signal is automatically sent to the electronic door locks if the device does not depart with the driver. At the same time, an alarm sounds (usually the vehicle horn) to alert you that the keys are still in the car. Once you retrieve the key fob, the doors can be locked. You probably have two key fob transmitters, so try this simple test: Try locking one in the car to see if the doors automatically unlock. If for some reason this fails, you can use the other key fob.

Q: I am driving a 2007 Chevy Impala with over 100,000 miles. I have had the same mechanic working on this car since it was born. Recently, the check traction control and the check brake assist lights came on. I asked if this was a safety issue and he said no. I intend to have it fixed when my next emission test is due next year. What do you think?

— C.S., Hometown, Ill.

A: The first thing we can think of is a faulty wheel speed sensor. Both the anti-lock braking system and the traction control system rely on the ABS system. If the sensors check out good, the ABS module itself may be bad.

Q: I've been to the Buick dealership, Jiffy Lube, Tires Plus, Firestone, the local mechanic, etc. These places can be either: fast, cheap, expensive, no appointment necessary, long wait times, recommend other things to be fixed, nearby, far away — you get the picture. My high school shop teacher once said that oil changes can't be quick because the qualified mechanic will wait for all the oil to drain before replacing. Bob, you would think this should be easier. What's your advice?

— M.E., Pompano Beach, Fla.

A: Oil changes need not take long enough to get the last drop out, but we favor shops that do other things as the oil is draining. When we used to do LOFs (Lube, Oil, Filter), we would oil the hinges for the doors, trunk and hood. We would check the tire pressure and peek at the brakes if we could eyeball them. We would check the fluids and top them off as necessary. Then we would install a new filter and the drain plug, and fill the engine with oil. Get to know the people at a local shop and call for an appointment for which you can wait as you play Tetris on your smartphone.

Life & Style

Cannes Palme d'Or goes to Ruben Ostlund's 'The Square'

CANNES, France (AP)—The Cannes Film Festival awarded its coveted Palme d'Or award to Ruben Ostlund's Swedish comedy "The Square" on Sunday, while Sofia Coppola became only the second woman to win the best director award.

"Oh my god! OK," the Swedish filmmaker exclaimed after he bounded onto the stage to collect the prestigious Palme, in a rare and somewhat surprising win for a comedy.

In "The Square," Claes Bang plays a museum director whose manicured life begins to unravel after a series of events that upset his, and the museum's, calm equilibrium. The movie's title comes from an art installation that Bang's character is prepping, which invites anyone who enters a small square to be kind and generous.

The film's satire and exploration of moral dilemmas culminated in one of the festival's most eye-catching scenes. A muscled, grunting man pretending to be a gorilla upsets a black-tie dinner for the museum, sniffing attendees and dragging a woman by the hair.

The president of the Cannes jury, Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar, praised the film for exploring the "dictatorship" of political correctness and those trapped by it.

"They live in a kind of hell because of that," Almodovar said.

"It's clever. It's witty. It's funny. It deals with questions so important," said French actress and filmmaker Agnes Jaoui, a member of the jury that also included Americans Will Smith and Jessica Chastain.

Most odds makers didn't have "The Square" as a favorite to win the prestigious Palme d'Or, the top prize awarded at Cannes.

Coppola won best director for "The Beguiled," her remake of Don Siegel's 1971 Civil War drama about a Union soldier hiding out in a Southern girls' school. Hailed as Coppola's most feminist work yet, the remade thriller told from a more female point of view stars Nicole Kidman and Kirsten Dunst, with Colin Farrell playing the wounded soldier.

Coppola was one of three female filmmakers out of 19 in competition for the Palme this year. The first—and until now, only—female winner of the best director prize was Soviet director Yuliya Ippolitovna Solntseva in 1961.

Diane Kruger was named best actress and Joaquin Phoenix best actor as the festival celebrated its 70th anniversary.

Kruger was honored for her performance in Fatih Akin's "In the Fade." She played a German woman whose son and Turkish husband are killed in a bomb attack. The film alludes to a series of actual killings that shook Germany six years ago, when it came to light that police had spent more time investigating the possible mob connections of migrant victims than the tell-tale signs of the far-right plot eventually uncovered.

"I cannot accept this award without thinking about anyone who has ever been affected by an act of terrorism and who is trying to pick up the pieces and go on living after having lost everything," the actress said. "Please know that you are not forgotten."

Phoenix was recognized for his role in Lynne Ramsay's thriller "You Were Never Really Here," in which he played a tormented war veteran trying to save a teenage girl from a sex trafficking ring.

The actor wore sneakers on stage as he collected the prize. He said his leather shoes had been flown ahead of him. He apologized for his appearance, saying the prize was "totally unexpected."

The French AIDS drama "120 Beats Per Minute" won the Grand Prize from the jury. The award recognizes a strong film that missed out on the Palme d'Or.

Directed by Robin Campillo, the co-screenwriter of the Palme d'Or-winning film "The Class," the movie centers on the activist group ACT UP in Paris in the 1990s during the AIDS crisis.

The film's docu-drama retelling of that painful period, combined with a burgeoning spirit of unity for the gay community, earned it some of the best reviews of the festival.

Director Ruben Ostlund, right, celebrates winning the Palme d'Or award for his film The Square, presented by actress Juliette Binoche, back left, and jury president Pedro Almodovar, back right, during the awards ceremony at the 70th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Sunday, May 28, 2017. AP

'Pirates of the Caribbean' tops box office, 'Baywatch' sinks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It was smooth sailing to the top spot at the box office for "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales," but the waters were choppier for the Dwayne Johnson comedy "Baywatch."

Studio estimates on Sunday say the fifth installment of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise commandeered $62.2 million in its first three days in theaters.

The Johnny Depp-starrer is projected to take in $76.6 million over the four-day holiday weekend.

It was the second-lowest domestic opening for the nearly $4 billion franchise, but the latest film, which cost a reported $230 million to produce, has massive international appeal. Its four-day global total is expected to hit $300 million.

Having the majority of profits come from international receipts is not worrying Walt Disney Studios.

"This is a trend that we've seen play out over the course of these films," said Dave Hollis, executive vice president of distribution for Disney. "'Pirates' is a huge spectacle film of the kind that international audiences continue to be drawn toward ... but the domestic response also shows that the audience for this film is clearly there."

The R-rated "Baywatch," meanwhile, is sinking like a rock. The critically derided update of the 1990s TV show earned only $18.1 million over the weekend against a nearly $70 million price tag. Including Thursday earnings, the film is projected to collect $26.6 million by the close of Memorial Day.

Even "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" did better in its fourth weekend. The space opera added $19.9 million to take second place ahead of "Baywatch" at the box office.

The "Baywatch" miss could be attributable to a couple of factors. Even with the star power of Johnson, R-rated Hollywood updates to family friendly television shows have a dubious track record, ComScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian said.

Earlier this year, Dax Shepard's R-rated update of "CHiPs" tanked, netting only $18.6 million domestically against a $25 million budget.

This month's box office has also been tough on nearly every film except "Guardians of the Galaxy."

"'Baywatch' doesn't stand alone as a casualty in this marketplace," Dergarabedian said. "It's joining a cadre of other films that have underperformed."

Even the decently reviewed "Alien: Covenant" dropped an uncommonly steep 71 percent in its second weekend in theaters to take fourth place with $10.5 million. The teen romance "Everything, Everything" rounded out the top five with $6.2 million.

"Hollywood needs June to save the box office world," Dergarabedian said.

First up to that challenge: "Wonder Woman."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1."Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales," $62.2 million ($208.4 million international).
2."Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," $19.9 million ($8.6 million international).
3."Baywatch," $18.1 million.
4."Alien: Covenant," $10.5 million ($10.8 million international).
5."Everything, Everything," $6.2 million.
6."Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul," $4.4 million ($2.4 million international).
7."Snatched," $3.9 million ($1.4 million international).
8."King Arthur: Legend of the Sword," $3.2 million ($10 million international).
9."The Boss Baby," $1.7 million ($2.9 million international).
10."Beauty and the Beast," $1.6 million ($3.8 million international).

◀ This image released by Paramount Pictures shows, from left, Kelly Rohrbach as CJ Parker, Alexandra Daddario as Summer, Ilfenesh Hadera as Stephanie Holden, Dwayne Johnson as Mitch Buchannon, Zac Efron as Matt Brody and Jon Bass as Ronnie in the film, "Baywatch." AP

Top Brazilian musicians join in calling for a new president

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— To the sound of Brazilian popular music, thousands of protesters took over Copacabana Beach on Sunday to demand a presidential election as pressure mounted on the country's leader to resign amid corruption allegations.

The protest-concert was called "Diretas Ja," which translates to "Direct Elections Now." It featured Brazilian music icons Caetano Veloso and Milton Nascimento as well as other nationally acclaimed artists such as Maria Gadu, Criolo and Mano Brown.

Amid a dense fog, thousands of people crammed around a stage truck to sing along with the performers and demand President Michel Temer's resignation between songs by chanting "Temer out! Direct (elections) now!"

AP

A woman wearing a costume that reads in Portuguese "Temer out" dances during a protest against Brazil's president Michel Temer at Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, May 28, 2017.

"This concert is neither of the right nor of the left," Wagner Moura, the lead actor of the Netflix series "Narcos" who hosted the event, said, despite a multitude of red union flags representing the leftist Workers' Party. "It is for the right of the Brazilian people to choose their next president," he added before introducing artists on stage.

Temer's popularity has slumped since he became president a little more than a year ago after President Dilma Rousseff was impeached and removed from office.

Some Brazilians consider his presidency illegitimate because of Rousseff's ouster, and many people are angry over his push to pass a series of economic changes, including capping government spending, loosening labor laws and reducing pension benefits.

His standing took a new hit after recent allegations that he endorsed paying bribes to ensure the silence of a former lawmaker who is in prison for corruption. Brazil's highest court is investigating Temer for alleged obstruction of justice and involvement in passive corruption, based on a recording that seems to capture his approval of the hush money. Temer denies wrongdoing.

If Temer should resign or be forced out, Brazilian law calls for the speaker of the Chamber of Deputies to serve as interim president for up to 30 days until Congress decides who will finish the term that runs through 2018.

"It is legal, but it is not ethical," Moura said of Congress picking a new leader while polls indicate many Brazilians want any new president chosen directly by voters.

"Morally we have to elect our next president," said Moura, who helped organize the concert with the support of left-leaning parties and social movements.

According to watchdog groups, around 60 percent of the members of both chambers of Congress are under investigation for various crimes including corruption.

"Congress is in no condition to choose" the next president, said Matheus Araujo, a business administrator who attended the protest with his baby daughter in arms.

The embattled Temer announced changes in his Cabinet on Sunday, switching the transparency minister to justice minister and vice versa. Critics said the move was aimed at putting Temer's long-time friend Torquato Jardim in the crucial justice minister position.

The concert allowed different generations of protesters to compare the current movement with the 1980s call for general elections when Brazil was under a military dictatorship.

Modern-day revolution celebrated in Philadelphia street art

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Seeking to appeal to visitors more familiar with the words of "Game of Thrones" heroine Daenarys Targaryen than the writings of James Wilson, Philadelphia museums and historic sites are thinking differently, using creative art exhibitions and adding online components to their offerings.

"Revolutionary: A Pop-Up Street Art Exhibition," on display until July 4, features 13 artists who created 13 works that challenge the status quo. On display throughout downtown, the exhibition includes paintings, weavings, photographs—and a knit and crochet installation featuring Targayen quotes like "I will answer injustice with justice."

Meanwhile, "American Treasures" at the National Constitution Center showcases drafts of the U.S. Constitution written by lesser-known founding father James Wilson. After seeing an online version of the Constitution garner more than 10 million hits in 18 months, museum leaders decided to also feature the rare drafts online, where visitors will learn how one draft called for the U.S. president to be addressed as "His Excellency."

"Letting them see the words themselves has been a way to engage young people," said the organization's president and CEO Jeffrey Rosen. "It's a way to bring history and ideas alive."

Colonial history is enjoying a resurgence thanks to the success of Broadway's "Hamilton." A group of fourth graders last week ran through the newly unveiled Museum of the American Revolution singing the show's songs and looking for historic highlights they'd learned through music.

The "Revolutionary" exhibition—funded by Visit Philadelphia, the city's tourism arm—was curated by Conrad Benner, founder and editor of streetsdept.com, a website that promotes urban art and exploration.

Benner said he looked for artists whose work challenged the status quo.

"All revolutions start with people looking at the world around them and asking, 'What can we do better for ourselves and our neighbors?'" Benner said. "It's very powerful to have those ideas in public spaces."

The artists in the Revolutionary exhibition approached the subject in different ways.

El Salvador-born artist Carlos Lopez Rosa created a portrait of a South American freedom fighter few people would recognize, but the image is powerful because of

Family's disapproval stops woman from opening up

DEAR ABBY: I'm a pansexual female and open about it with my friend and also my brother. The rest of my family is super Christian. I tried to bring up the "gay" word, but they're all against it and have strong opinions about the subject.

I just want to feel accepted for who I am, and not keep anything from them. I need your opinion on when I should tell them—or should I just not tell them at all? Your help would be appreciated.

PANSEXUAL IN THE USA

DEAR PANSEXUAL: According to Wikipedia, the definition of pansexuality is "the sexual, romantic or emotional attraction toward people regardless of their sex or gender identity." While it may be empowering for you to disclose this information, it should be clear to you that your family—with the exception of your brother—is not open to hearing it. Respect that.

However, you are free to live your life, so live it and be happy. You do not need their approval and you shouldn't let their approval—or lack thereof—affect how you live.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I own a coloring business. We color unicorns and rainbows and other pictures. They are beautiful and sell well.

Recently, my mother-in-law started begging us to let her join our team. Abby, I'm sure she would do fine and that she could color within the lines, but we do not need any help.

My husband suggested hiring her to run errands—to buy crayons and coloring books, perhaps—but I doubt she would be satisfied with that. I love our company as it is now. What do you think we should do?

COLORING FOR YOU

DEAR C.F.Y.: Because you love your company "as it is now," do not hire your mother-in-law to fill a job that doesn't need filling. To do so would be a recipe for disaster, because getting rid of her would cause lasting hard feelings. Instead, you and your husband should explain that "the company" doesn't need another colorist right now, and see if you can help her find a part-time job elsewhere if she needs money or has time to fill.

DEAR ABBY: We recently lost a beloved family member. My question is, how long do I wait before we deactivate his email and Facebook accounts? Some people say immediately, or wait a year. Others have said to leave them active indefinitely.

Do I need to send a message to his Facebook friends in advance? Also, would it be offensive or tacky if I downloaded pictures from his Facebook account and cellphone before we deactivate everything? There are some pictures of my nieces and nephews I would like to keep.

HOW LONG DO I WAIT?

DEAR HOW LONG: There are no hard and fast rules covering a situation like this. Some people deactivate the accounts immediately. Others leave them live indefinitely. However, you might wish to post a comment to the effect that, "For those friends who might not know, our beloved 'Joe' passed away on (date of death)."

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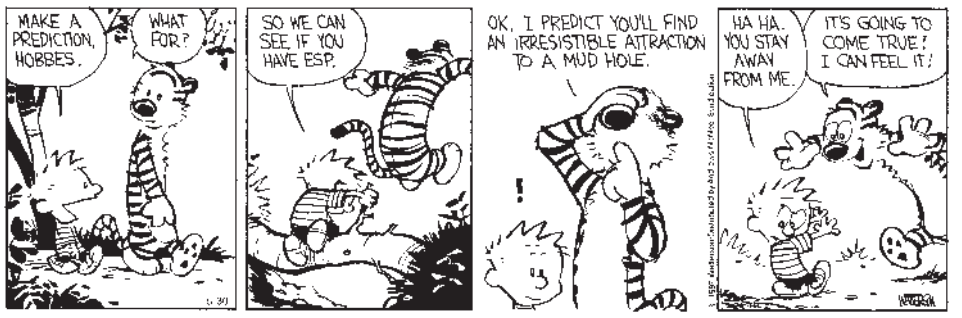
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THAT STINKS.
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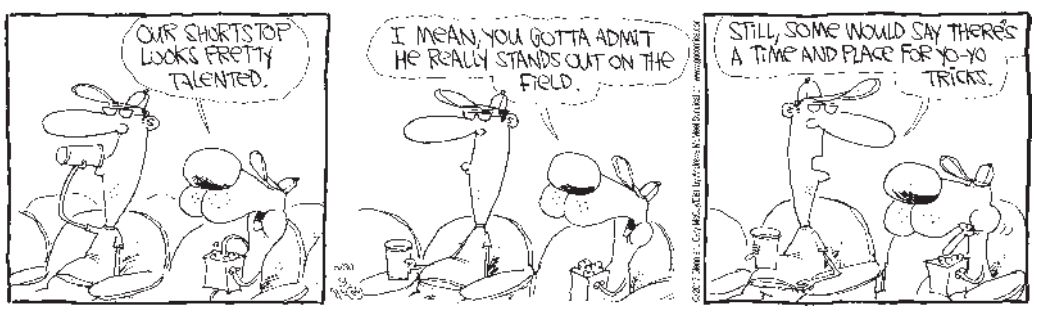
OUR SHORTSTOP LOOKS PRETTY TALENTED.
I MEAN, YOU GOTTA ADMIT HE REALLY STANDS OUT ON THE FIELD.
STILL, SOME WOULD SAY THERE'S A TIME AND PLACE FOR YO-YO TRICKS.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Outlet letters
5 Old Testament book
9 Knock
12 Stead
13 "Downton Abbey" countess
14 "Veep" airer
15 Attorney's alma mater
17 — Dhabi
18 Mon. follower
19 Top
21 Tear up
24 Elevator name
25 Get wind of
26 DNA source
30 "Entourage" agent
31 Shoe parts
32 Conk out
33 Hammer or wrench
35 Warble
36 String
37 Chooses
38 "Noah" star Russell
40 Novelist Hunter
42 Estuary
43 Victim of a 4/1 prank
48 Sales rep.
49 Hardy cabbage
50 Eye layer
51 Existed
52 Leftovers recipe
53 — Godiva

DOWN

1 100%
2 Spy org.
3 Morning moisture
4 Little Bighorn loser
5 Dull pain
6 Cattle calls?
7 Spanish gold
8 Military greetings
9 Overjoyed
10 French cleric
11 Serve tea
16 Cow's chaw
20 Domino spot
21 Persian bigwig
22 Olympian queen
23 Wet weather garments
24 First-year 15-Across student
26 Suitable
27 "Xanadu" band
28 Sty cry
29 Limbs
31 Jogs sans togs
34 Part of DJIA
35 Wicked
37 Chum
38 Gullet
39 Latvia's capital
40 Perry's creator
41 Panorama
44 Bit of butter
45 Eggs
46 British ref. work
47 Non-clerical

Solution time: 22 mins.

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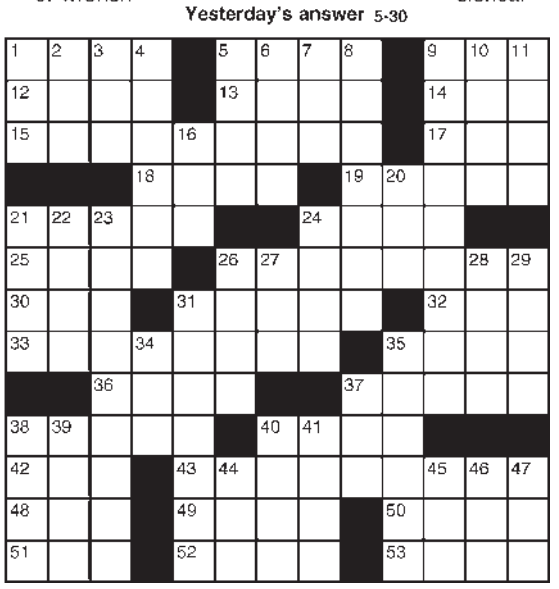

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Happy Birthday: Feeling at home and making your surroundings more convenient will help you find peace of mind as well as give you more time to figure out what you want to do next. Personal and spiritual growth will encourage you to befriend positive people who will inspire you to make changes that will improve your life as well as your future. Your numbers are 9, 17, 23, 26, 32, 40, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Let your adaptable attitude take over and you will alter the way you do things as well as the way others perceive you. Plug away until you reach your goals, and you will receive the recognition you desire and the rewards you deserve. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Emotional matters will surface if you are stubborn or try to coerce others into doing things your way. Give others the freedom you expect in return and you'll avoid criticism as well as complaints. Focus on completion, not competition. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* You are up for change and ready to conquer the world. Motivation and taking charge of your life will bring the kind of results you want to achieve. Your charm and enthusiasm will lead to success. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Make subtle changes that will make you feel good about the way you look. Choose quality over quantity and you will discover that you are better off with less. Make self-satisfaction your goal, not trying to please others. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Step up and do your best without condemning others or being too splashy. Take the high road and show class in the way you handle your differences with others. Taking positive action will give you the upper hand. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Keep secrets. If you share or meddle in someone's affairs, you will end up being put in a vulnerable position. Tend to your chores and responsibilities and do your best to sidestep gossip that will get you into trouble. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Call in favors from friends or family members and offer an incentive for help in getting what you want. Personal changes can be made that will enhance your appearance. Deal with partnerships that are teetering on disaster. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Concentrate on your work. Taking care of what's expected of you will encourage others to leave you alone. Refuse to get into an emotional scuffle with someone who is looking for a fight. A creative outlet will ease your stress. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Don't travel without a map or proper directions. You will meet with confusion if you haven't mapped out your route physically. An emotional incident will make you question what you are doing and why. Focus inward. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Keep a level head when dealing with matters pertaining to your finances and your tangible assets. Refuse to let your emotions cause irrational promises that will turn into a burden. Do what works for you, not what others want you to do. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Partnerships will make a difference to the outcome of a financial matter or situation at home. Set up new rules and guidelines to ensure that efficiency is maintained. A strict fitness regimen will improve your appearance. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Ask questions before you start a new project. You want to be sure to get it right the first time to avoid criticism or emotional stress. Dealing with children or colleagues will not be easy. Someone will misinterpret what you say. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are generous, energetic and amiable. You are innovative and broadminded.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	1			3	6		8	
4			7	2				3
					1			
	7					1		2
2	3						9	8
5		1					7	
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Difficulty Level ★★ 5/30

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Last Friday's Answer

4	6	9	8	2	5	1	3	7
8	2	3	7	9	1	6	5	4
5	7	1	4	3	6	2	8	9
3	4	7	2	6	8	5	9	1
1	9	6	5	4	7	3	2	8
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Trout sprains thumb as Angels lose to Marlins

MIAMI (AP)—Mike Trout sprained his left thumb stealing second base Sunday as the Los Angeles Angels took a thumping without him, losing 9-2 to the Miami Marlins.

Trout yelled in pain as he rose after sliding headfirst in the fifth inning. He was examined by a trainer, stayed in the game, but was replaced in the sixth. X-rays were negative and there was no immediate timetable regarding his return. The reigning American League MVP was 0 for 2 when he departed with the Angels trailing 4-2. He finished 2 for 9 in the series to drop his average to .337.

Miami's Giancarlo Stanton had three hits, including his 13th home run, and J.T. Riddle hit his third homer and drove in three runs. Jose Urena (3-2) won despite a career-high six walks in five innings.

AP

Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout sprained his left thumb stealing second base Sunday against the Miami Marlins. The Angels lost, 2-9.

White Sox 7, Tigers 3

In Chicago, Miguel Gonzalez took a perfect game into the seventh inning while Todd Frazier hit a two-run homer as the Chicago White Sox beat the Detroit Tigers.

Gonzalez (4-5) allowed three runs and six hits in 7 2/3 innings while breaking a five-start losing streak. The right-hander retired his first 18 batters before Andrew Romine led off the seventh with a hard one-hop liner to shortstop Tim Anderson, who couldn't field the ball cleanly and was originally charged with an error. Alex Avila followed with a single, and Romine's ball was later changed to a hit.

Melky Cabrera and Matt Davidson also homered, helping the White Sox take three of four in the series. David Robertson got two outs for his seventh save.

Detroit right-hander Jordan Zimmermann (4-4) allowed seven runs and eight hits in five innings.

Yankees 9, Athletics 5

In New York, Aaron Judge hit his first career grand slam as the New York Yankees took full advantage of Oakland's shoddy defense.

Michael Pineda (6-2) tossed six innings of three-hit ball to win his third straight start. Aaron Hicks and Chris Carter each had an early sacrifice fly as the AL East leaders scored five unearned runs and took two of three in a well-pitched series.

Judge connected with two outs in the third for his 16th home run, tying Mike Trout of the Angels for the big league lead.

Khris Davis hit his 15th home run for the A's, who committed two more costly errors to raise their season total to 49. The fielding failures put starter Andrew Triggs (5-4) in tough situations. He went six innings and gave up one earned run — but even that could have been prevented if not for a poor throw by the weak-armed Davis in left.

Rays 8, Twins 6, 15 innings

In Minneapolis, Evan Longoria and Logan Morrison hit back-to-back homers in the 15th inning after Steven Souza Jr. drove in the tying run with a single with two outs in the ninth as the Tampa Bay Rays outlasted the Minnesota Twins in a game that lasted 6 hours, 26 minutes.

In the longest game in Target Field history, Minnesota resorted to using Wednesday's scheduled starter, Hector Santiago (4-4), in the 15th. He allowed the decisive home runs on consecutive pitches to the first two batters of the inning.

The Rays took the lead in the 14th on Corey Dickerson's single off Justin Haley to make it 6-5. Pinch-hitter Robbie Grossman answered with an RBI single in the bottom half to extend the game for the Twins.

Despite allowing the run in the 14th, Alex Colome (1-2) got the win. Erasmo Ramirez, the scheduled starter Monday for the Rays, pitched a perfect 15th for his first save.

Rangers 3, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Joey Gallo hit his 15th home run and Andrew Cashner posted a rare road win as the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays to snap their longest losing streak of the season at five.

Toronto had won five in a row.

Cashner (2-4) gave up one run in seven innings. The right-hander had been 0-9 in 18 road starts since September 2015. Keone Kela pitched the eighth. Matt Bush gave up a pair of singles in the ninth, but held on for his sixth save.

Gallo hit an opposite field solo shot to left off Joe Biagini (1-3) in the fourth, his eighth homer in May. Gallo ranks third among AL home run leaders, one behind Mike Trout of the Angels and Aaron Judge of the Yankees.

Indians 10, Royals 1

In Cleveland, Jason Kipnis went 4 for 4 with a home run and two RBIs while Josh Tomlin pitched his first complete game in two years as the Cleveland Indians beat the Kansas City Royals.

Austin Jackson drove in three runs for Cleveland and Carlos Santana had three hits and two RBIs. Michael Brantley and Jose Ramirez also had three hits apiece.

Tomlin (3-6) tossed a six-hitter for his first win since April 30. It was the right-hander's first complete game since Sept. 15, 2015, also against Kansas City and No. 5 for his career.

Danny Duffy (4-4) allowed six runs in four-plus innings in his shortest outing of the season for the Royals, who got a homer from rookie Jorge Bonifacio in the fifth.

Mariners 5, Red Sox 0

In Boston, Christian Bergman rebounded from a miserable start with seven shutout innings as the Seattle Mariners halted Boston's season-high six-game winning streak.

Bergman (2-2) allowed four hits, walked two and struck out two. Robinson Cano hit a two-run homer and Guillermo Heredia a solo shot for the Mariners, who averted a three-game sweep with just their second win in nine games. Seattle was shut out the first two games.

Rick Porcello (3-6) gave up 11 hits, but only two runs in 6 1/3 innings.

Padres 5, Nationals 3

In Washington, Ryan Schimpf hit a two-run homer as the San Diego Padres avoided a three-game sweep by beating the Washington Nationals.

The Padres had only one run and six hits with 31 strikeouts in back-to-back losses in games started by Washington's Max Scherzer and Stephen Strasburg to begin the series. San Diego bounced back by matching its season high with 14 hits, with 12 coming off starter Joe Ross (2-1).

NL home run leader Bryce Harper was among four starters out of the lineup for Washington. The game was delayed 1 hour, 20 minutes by rain.

Four relievers, including Kirby Yates (1-0), pitched 4 2/3 hitless innings following starter Jhoulys Chacin's latest bumpy road appearance. Brandon Maurer worked the ninth for his sixth save.

Dodgers 9, Cubs 4

In Los Angeles, Cody Bellinger and Kike Hernandez led an offensive outburst with three-run homers that upstaged the anticipated duel between aces Jon Lester and Clayton Kershaw to help the Dodgers beat Chicago and sweep the Cubs in three games at home for the first time since August 2012.

Lester and Kershaw were rocked for 10 runs and 18 hits in a combined 7 2/3 innings of their first career matchup. The left-handers that own three World Series titles (Lester), three Cy Young Awards (Kershaw) and 10 All-Star nods failed to retire the side in order in any inning. Lester (3-3) gave up six runs and seven hits in 3 1/3 innings for Chicago. Kershaw allowed four runs and a career high-tying 11 hits in 4 1/3 innings. The Cubs stranded 10 runners against him.

Josh Fields (2-0) got the victory, striking out two in 1 2/3 innings.

Reds 8, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, Adam Duvall hit a pair of two-run homers while Patrick Kivlehan had two solo shots as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Scott Schebler also connected for the Reds and Scott Feldman (4-4) allowed four runs and eight hits in five innings. The Reds took two of three to win a series in Philadelphia for the first time since August 2006.

Andrew Knapp hit a three-run homer for the struggling Phillies, who have lost nine consecutive series. They're 6-22 in that span. Phillies starter Zach Eflin (0-3) allowed seven runs and nine hits, including four homers, in five innings.

Rockies 8, Cardinals 4

In Denver, Gerardo Parra hit a three-run homer as the Colorado Rockies beat the St. Louis Cardinals.

Colorado built a 4-0 lead on Alexi Amarista's run-scoring groundout in the second and Parra's drive in the fourth off Lance Lynn (4-3). St. Louis got back into it on homers from Jedd Gyorko and Greg Garcia in the sixth. Tommy Pham's solo shot to center off Chris Rusin in the seventh made it 4-3.

Astros 8, Orioles 4

In Houston, George Springer homered during a six-run second inning, sending Lance McCullers and the Houston Astros over Baltimore for the Orioles' season-worst seventh straight loss.

Springer connected for the second straight game, helping the Astros overcome a 3-0 deficit against Alec Asher (1-3).

McCullers (6-1) allowed five hits and three runs — two earned — in six innings. His streak of 22 scoreless innings ended when Jonathan Schoop hit a two-run homer in the first.

Mark Trumbo added a solo homer for the Orioles.

Brewers 9, Diamondbacks 5

In Milwaukee, Domingo Santana hit his first career grand slam as the NL Central-leading Milwaukee Brewers held off the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Nelson (3-3) departed after striking out 10 in seven innings and Arizona scored four times in the eighth off relievers Oliver Drake and Carlos Torres. With the tying run at the plate, Jacob Barnes forced pinch-hitter Paul Goldschmidt to fly out to end the threat. Barnes also worked the ninth for his second save this year.

Diamondbacks starter Patrick Corbin (4-5) gave up seven runs on 10 hits.

Giants 7, Braves 1

In San Francisco, Johnny Cueto pitched six strong innings and Brandon Crawford drove in three runs for the Giants.

Cueto (5-4) bounced back from his roughest stretch with San Francisco. The two-time All-Star was 0-3 with a 4.33 ERA in his previous four starts.

The Giants won their third straight home series and posted their 11th victory in 18 games overall. Crawford's two-run single highlighted a four-run second against R.A. Dickey (3-4) that made it 6-0.

Mets 7, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Matt Harvey pitched one-run ball over six innings to win his second straight start as New York beat Pittsburgh.

The one-time Mets ace, hampered by injuries and off-field issues the last two seasons, scattered six hits, struck out four and walked two.

Gregory Polanco led off the second inning with his third home run to open the scoring but that was the only run the Pirates managed off Harvey.

Tyler Glasnow (2-4) was tagged for five runs in five innings.

No. 1 Kerber out of French Open in 1st round

PARIS (AP)—A French Open already missing Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova is now without No. 1-ranked Angelique Kerber, too, lending even more of a feeling that the women's championship is anyone's to win.

Kerber has not been playing at all like one of the best at what she does, and on Sunday she became the first woman seeded No. 1 to lose in the French Open's first round in the professional era.

Kerber, who replaced Williams atop the WTA rankings this month, was gone from Roland Garros by lunchtime on Day 1, putting up little resistance while being beaten 6-2, 6-2 by 40th-ranked Ekaterina Makarova of Russia. It's the latest in a string of early exits for Kerber, who reached her first three major finals in 2016.

"This year, I mean, the expectations are much bigger, especially in the big tournaments and the Grand Slams. And the expectations are also, from me, really big, of course, because I know what I can do, what I did last year," Kerber said. "But right now, I think that I have to find myself again."

Other significant results as the year's second Grand Slam tournament began: Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova played—and won—her first match since being stabbed by an intruder at her home in December; Venus Williams began her 20th appearance at Roland Garros with a victory; and Rio Olympics gold medalist Monica Puig eliminated 2015 U.S. Open runner-up Roberta Vinci 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Makarova's take when informed of the history made by her victory?

"Well," she said, "that's unbelievable."

Although maybe not, considering how Kerber has fared lately.

Her Australian Open and U.S. Open titles, plus Wimbledon runner-up finish, seem a bit in the distance now: The German has a 19-13 record this season, losing 4 of her past 6 matches.

"If you are losing, it's always tough to (enjoy) the game," Kerber said. "I mean, I know in the last years I had always up and downs and right now, of course, I'm ... down."

Add in that 23-time major champion Serena Williams is pregnant and won't play until next season, and five-time major champion Sharapova was refused a wild card in Paris as she returns from a 15-month doping suspension, and the rest of the field might have more reason than usual to believe in the chance to claim a Grand Slam trophy.

"That's the beauty of our sport right now: Anybody can win and everybody's really good," said Shelby Rogers, an American who beat Marina Erakovic of New Zealand 7-6 (4), 6-4 on a steamy Sunday when the temperature touched 90 degrees (32 Celsius).

"I like playing at this time for women's tennis. It's kind of—I don't want to say 'open,' because everyone's really good, but—very competitive," Rogers said, "and there's not like that dominating force."

AP

Germany's Angelique Kerber reacts after missing a shot when losing in two sets, 2-6, 2-6, against Russia's Ekaterina Makarova at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Sunday, May 28, 2017.

Kerber's strokes were off against Makarova, who has reached two major semifinals but never been past the fourth round in Paris. Makarova pointed out she never had played a singles match in the tournament's main stadium (she was the 2013 French Open women's doubles champion).

Kerber had only four winners and 12 unforced errors in the first set and didn't even earn a break point until the last game, which Makarova won, anyway. Makarova then raced to a 3-0 lead in the second set.

Kerber showed some signs of getting into the match, smacking a cross-court forehand passing winner, leaning forward and yelling as she got within 3-1. But that was about it. In the last game, Kerber held seven break points but Makarova fought off each one despite, she said, "fighting with my emotion."

In the preceding match on Court Philippe Chatrier, Kvitova's eyes welled with tears at the end of her 6-3, 6-2 win against 86th-ranked Julia Boserup of the United States.

"I think it doesn't really matter how I played," but I won, Kvitova said.

She had surgery on her left hand—the one she plays tennis with—after the knife attack in the Czech Republic.

Only in recent days did Kvitova decide to enter the French Open.

"I saw her in the locker room a couple of days ago," said Bethanie Mattek-Sands, an American qualifier who will face Kvitova in the second round after beating Evgeniya Rodina 7-5, 6-2. "Gave her a big hug. It's great to see her come back."

Monster mash: LeBron James undaunted by beastly Warriors

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)—There's a four-headed, shot-making, scoreboard-breaking monster out West awaiting LeBron James and the Cavaliers.

The Warriors are stomach-churning scary.

James, though, can't run or hide. With eight NBA Finals appearances under his belt, he is ready to face a team he's called "a beast." After all, he has slayed behemoths before.

Pushing off any talk about the Warriors until after Sunday's practice, James was asked to assess the task at hand: beating Golden State's All-Star-studded lineup of Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green.

Is this the biggest challenge of his career?

"It's probably up there," he said. "I mean, it's up there."

And then, almost as if he was trying to remind himself that he's got three championship rings and is frightful in his own right, James recalled other fearsome postseason opponents—San Antonio and Boston.

"I've played against four Hall of Famers as well, too, with Manu (Ginobili), Kawhi (Leonard), Tony (Parker) and Timmy D (Tim Duncan) on the same team," said James, occasionally sniffling as he continues to fight a cold. "And if you add Pop (coach Gregg Popovich) in there, that's five Hall of Famers. So, it's going to be very challenging. Those guys are going to challenge me, they're going to challenge our ballclub.

"This is a high-powered team."

James also took on a Celtics team loaded with big-name talents.

"I've played against Ray (Allen), KG (Kevin Garnett), Paul (Pierce), (Rajon) Rondo and Doc (Rivers). So, it's going to be very challenging not only on me mentally, but on our ballclub and on our franchise."

Cleveland-Golden State 3.0 is the matchup fans worldwide expected and wanted, and James believes they're in for quite a show.

Both the Cavaliers and Warriors have upgraded their rosters from a year ago, when they went seven games in an epic series that spawned the first comeback from a 3-1 deficit in Finals history and resulted in Cleveland winning its first pro sports championship since 1964.

That Warriors team James conquered in 2016 won 73 games during the regular season and was being mentioned as one of the best to ever take the floor.

Hard to believe, but this version—with Durant—might be even better.

Golden State has been putting on a basketball clinic over the past two months, winning 27 of 28 games since March 11 and becoming the first squad to start the postseason 12-0.

Durant, who previously faced James in the 2012 Finals with Oklahoma City, has taken a great team and elevated it to a nearly unstoppable level.

The Warriors are using Durant in every imaginable way on offense, and James isn't surprised to see his good friend and Olympic teammate more mobile than he was with the Thunder.

"You adapt to the culture," he said. "You adapt to the style and that's the same thing that happened to me when I went to Miami. I started to slash more and move more without the ball, shoot more standstill 3s and figure out ways I could be more productive than just having the ball in isolation. So, it's the right thing to do. He's one of the most dangerous guys we have in the world already. So it makes it even more dangerous when you equip that talent, that skill with those guys."

On the brink of becoming the first player since the early 1960s to play in seven straight Finals, James finds himself in a similar—and somewhat surprising—situation.

The Cavaliers are being given little chance to defend their title against the vaunted Warriors, who have been winning by an average of 16.3 points per game in the playoffs.

For the sixth time, James enters the Finals as an underdog, hardly a role he's accustomed to before June. The only time he won a championship as a Finals favorite was with Miami in 2013, when the Heat upended the Spurs for their second straight title.

James isn't worried about point spreads or any odds.

"I only play blackjack in Vegas anyway, so it doesn't matter," he said.

What does matter is that the 32-year-old is having one of his finest postseasons, and the Cavs are gelling the way they did at this time last year.

Maybe James has nothing to fear.

"I feel good about our chances," he said. "Very good."

Japanese reign supreme in NMI tennis tourney

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Japan swept all four titles at stake in the 2017 Northern Marianas Juniors Championships that concluded last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

Second-seeded Otoha Aoki and Ai Yamaguchi gave Japan its first championship after beating the top-ranked pair of Yun Chen Hsieh and Chao Yi Wang of Chinese-Taipei in the women's doubles finals last Saturday, 6-1, 2-6, 10-7. Aoki and Yamaguchi moved into the title match following a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over compatriot Momoka Hoshino and Mua Shigeta in the semifinals last Friday, while the Taiwanese pair eliminated compatriot Tzu Hsun Hsu and Hong Kong's Alicia Yue in the other Final Four duel, 6-3, 6-2.

Aoki also made it to the women's singles finals and she had a familiar foe in doubles teammate Yamaguchi. The third-ranked Aoki went on to win the all-Japan championship game, sweeping the No. 5 seed Yamaguchi last Sunday, 6-3, 6-1.

Before losing to Aoki, Yamaguchi pulled off an upset over the No. 1 seed Wang in the semis, winning the first set, 6-4, and leading in the second, 4-3, before the Taiwanese retired due to fatigue. Aoki also had her foe—Hsieh—waving the white flag in the second set with the Japanese ahead, 4-2. Aoki earlier dominated Hsieh in the first set, 6-1.

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Japanese players are all smiles after receiving their championship awards in the doubles event of the 2017 Northern Marianas Juniors Championships last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

In the men's singles championship match, which was also played last Sunday, No. 5 Shunsuke Mitsui outclassed No. 7 Ryotaro Koshiba, 7-5, 6-2.

In the semifinals last Saturday, Mitsui stunned the top-ranked Yi Jui Lo of Chinese-Taipei, 6-2, 6-1, to set up a title duel over Koshiba—a 6-1, 6-1 winner versus compatriot Kenjiro Shimizu.

Earlier in the doubles finals, Shimizu teamed up with Mitsui in defeating the No. 1 seed Lo and Hsiang Yu Chuang, 6-4, 6-1. The Japanese duo barged into the division title game after surviving the Philippines' Manuel Balce III and Michael Francis Eala, 6-2, 2-6, 10-6, while the Taiwanese pair eased past Koshiba and Hisanori Suzuki in the other semis tiff, 6-2, 6-3.

Spieth charges, Kisner holds on to win Colonial by stroke

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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Kevin Kisner came so close several times before finally winning on the PGA Tour. He now has another victory, withstanding a charge by Jordan Spieth at Colonial, after two more runner-up finishes this year.

"You start questioning if you're going to win again after a while," Kisner said. "Everybody was questioning if I was ever going to win. Then I win, and then everybody questions if I was ever going to win again."

The affirmative answer came Sunday when Kisner birdied the first three holes on the back nine at Hogan's Alley to go ahead, then finished his 4-under 66 with a clutch par save at the 18th after a wayward tee shot and an approach off the back side of the green and well below the hole.

At 10-under 270, the 33-year-old Kisner finished a stroke ahead of Spieth (65), Sean O'Hair (66) and Jon Rahm (66). He earned a check of just more than $1.2 million, along with the winner's plaid jacket.

Kisner was a runner-up four times, including three playoffs during the 2015 season, before winning the RSM Classic in November 2015. Then came two more runner-ups this year.

Spieth was standing on a chair to see over the crowd at the 18th green after his bogey-free round when Kisner putted up the mound to 5 feet of the cup and then made the winning putt.

"I was going to take my chances with a (par) 4 and see what happened," said Kisner, who never considered a different club for his last two shots.

Rahm, who the last two years won the Ben Hogan Award as the nation's top college player, had just watched his 10-foot birdie chance skirt left of the hole.

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PAC. Manacop, Raymond Zapanta, Rusty Musca, Robert Talavera, and Alex Castro also received cash and in-kind prizes.

Zapanta finished third after logging 2,170 in 12 games and averaging 180.83, while Musca came in at fourth with his 2,144 total and 178.67 average. Talavera placed fifth with his 2,100 (175 average), followed by Alex Castro (2,009.174.92), Castro (2,097/174.75), Mikee Guirey (2,091/174/25), Richard Leong (2,087/173.92), and Ador Dimaano (2,050/170.83) in the Top 10.

In the women's division, Janice Camacho was way ahead of runner-up Diana Camacho as the former won by 67 pins after the latter's gained 2,003 in 12 games. Janice and Diana were the only two bowlers to score at least 2,000 pinfalls in the weekend tournament and they averaged 172.50 and 166.92, respectively.

Janice managed to take the division title despite posting her lowest score (117) in the tournament in Game 12. Earlier in Game 11, Janice had 207 pins to widen the gap against Diana, who had 180 in Game 11 and 193 in the last. Janice's other 200-plus pinfall show was in Game 6 (202), while Diana had her highest in Game 12.

Third place Tess Fabie came up with a 12-game total of 1,989 and averaged 165.75 to join Janice and Diana in the podium. Kathy Mersai (1,966), Maridel Camacho (1,868), Elena Soll (1,859), Mel Regis (1,849), Yho Villavicencio (1,808), Lala Taitano (1,778), and Ron Cal (1,751) rounded out the Top 10.

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fielder's choice and an error, respectively, to help the Falcons grab the driver's seat.

However, not for long as the Braves countered with four runs at the bottom of the third to regain the upper hand, 7-5. Desebel had one run off a wild pitch, Jylon Sablan's single brought Camacho home, while Tristan Norita did the same with his triple driving Sablan in, and Celis gave the Braves their fourth run off a sacrifice fly from Igitol.

The Braves, who made it to the finals after eliminating 2016 champion Comets, hung on to the two-run lead as neither team scored in the fourth and fifth inning. Then with the Braves playing home, the Falcons had one final chance to mount a comeback at the top of the sixth. Serrano led off and kept the Falcons in contention as he hit a double and was brought home by Riungel's single. Now down by only one with no out, Gonzales was next at bat, but flied out with Braves pitcher Camacho catching the pop fly, leaving Riungel stranded at first. The Falcons pitcher eventually went down on a double play, as Braves shorts stop picked up a shot from Joey Sharry and throw to second baseman Desebel, who tagged out Riungel. Desebel then threw to Norita at first base for the tag out on Sharry and a perfect ending on the Braves' title bid in the division.

Meanwhile, the Little Legals won the battle for third place after edging the Comets, 4-3.

Derence Diaz logged the go-ahead run at the bottom of the fifth inning, as he scored off the Comets' miscue at second base. The Little Legals kept the shaky lead at the top of the sixth inning when pitcher Gunner Sablan fanned out the second and third Comets batter and the leadoff was beaten to second.

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the second in the 23rd.

Bucayo, who was the Dolphins goalie in the first half, played midfield in the second and scored his pair of goals in the 36th and 49th minute, while Podziewski nailed the other goal for MHS in the 45th.

In the first semis match, Alex Park put SIS on the board right in the opening minute of their 50-minute game. Yub Yung Park made it a 2-0 lead for the Geckos in the 10th minute, while Hyun Jun Chung's shot in the 22nd handed SIS a 3-0 halftime edge. At the resumption of the match, Jeh Yuk Jung found the bottom of the net in the 35th minute, while Jason Kim finished the job for SIS with his goal in the 45th.

The Geckos, MHS varsity and junior varsity, and Kagman advanced to the semifinals after placing in the Top 4 of the round-robin elimination. MHS varsity and SIS had similar 3-1-0 win-draw-loss record, but the former won the tiebreak for the No.1 spot with its 20 goals against the Geckos' nine. MHS junior varsity came in at third after posting a 1-1-2 slate, while Kagman was ranked fourth after registering a 1-0-3 mark. Saipan Southern High School missed the cut as the Manta Rays held a 0-1-3 record after the elimination round.

Southern faces MHS in girls division

Meanwhile, the girls divisions finals, which will also be played today, will feature the Lady Dolphins against the Lady Rays.

MHS barged into the title game first after ousting SIS, 5-0, while Southern also took the easy way to the finale following a 6-0 triumph over Kagman High School.

The Lady Rays, the top finisher in the pool play with its 2-1-0 record, drew two goals apiece from Mary Kay Alferos, Catherine Barrozo, and Britanny Wally to dominate the Lady Ayuyus. Barroza handed Southern its first goal in the third minute and had her second in the 41st, while Wally hit the board in the 19th and 31st, and Alferos registered her two goals in the 27th and 43rd.

In the other semis game, MHS got a hat trick from Diana Maniacop to beat SIS. Maniacop scored in the 16th, 19th, and 36th minute, while the Lady Dolphins two other goals came from Katherine Magat, who posted the brace in the fifth and 45th.

Maniacop and her teammates finished the preliminary round with a 2-0-1 record to place second behind Southern, while SIS had a 1-1-1 card for the third spot, and Kagman was last with its 0-0-3 slate.

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Boston	27	22	.551	3
Baltimore	25	23	.521	4½
Tampa Bay	27	26	.509	5
Toronto	23	27	.460	7½

Central Division

Minnesota	26	20	.565	—
Cleveland	25	23	.521	2
Chicago	23	26	.469	4½
Detroit	23	27	.460	5
Kansas City	21	28	.429	6½

West Division

Houston	35	16	.686	—
Texas	25	26	.490	10
Los Angeles	26	28	.481	10½
Oakland	22	27	.449	12
Seattle	22	29	.431	13

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East Division

Washington	30	19	.612	—
New York	21	27	.438	8½
Atlanta	21	27	.438	8½
Miami	19	30	.388	11
Philadelphia	17	31	.354	12½

Central Division

Milwaukee	27	23	.540	—
St. Louis	24	23	.511	1½
Chicago	25	24	.510	1½
Cincinnati	24	25	.490	2½
Pittsburgh	23	28	.451	4½

West Division

Colorado	33	19	.635	—
Los Angeles	31	20	.608	1½
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Tournament of Champions organizing committee chair Ben Babauta acknowledges the sponsors of the 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions during last Sunday's awards ceremony at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort. Looking on is TOC committee member Frankie Eliptico.

TOC co-founder Marian Aldan-Pierce, left, shakes hands with Titan Imports' Tedson Timothy after presenting to the latter's company the certificate of appreciation.

Inas Hocog, center, receives the certificate of appreciation on behalf of Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Laolao Bay Golf and Resort's Changho Kim, center, poses for a photo with TOC chair Ben Babauta, left, and TOC co-founder Marian Aldan-Pierce after receiving a certificate of appreciation.

An IT&E representative, center, shows the certificate of appreciation his company got from the Governor's Tournament of Champions.

Amier Younis, center, receives the certification of appreciation for *Marianas Variety.*

A representative from Mayhan Industry, left, shakes hands with TOC co-chair Marian Aldan-Pierce.

Jerry Tiu, center, is all smiles after receiving the certificate of appreciations for Saipan Computer Services and Nike Golf.

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Braves spoil Falcons, get Major title

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The Braves' Grafton Howard waits for a pitch from the Falcons during their playoff game for the pennant in the Major division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball early this month at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield. The Braves and the Falcons met anew last Sunday with the former taking a 7-6 victory in their title match.

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The Braves foiled the Falcons' bid for a sweep of the three championships in the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball after pulling off a 7-6 victory in their title game in the Major division last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Braves scored three runs in the first inning and four in the third to build enough cushion en route to winning the finale dubbed as the "Battle of the North." Players from both teams are from Tanapag and other villages on the northern side of the island.

The Falcons, who advanced to the title match following a semis victory against the Little Legals last Saturday, were looking to make it three in a row for the group, as their Junior and Senior League squads earlier defeated the Comets and the Enforcers in the finals, respectively. However, the Braves, who lost this season's pennant to the Falcons in a playoff game, spoiled the party as the eventually champions managed to hit their target early and withstand the latter's comeback bid.

The Braves established a 3-1 advantage at the end of the first inning, negating the solo homer that Keoni Serrano blasted for the Falcons to start the top of the opening frame. After Serrano's homer, the Braves quickly stepped up on defense and booted out the Falcons' next three batters. The Braves then knotted the count at the bottom of the first off Joel Borja's run from the Falcons' error at shortstop, while Taisei Desebel gave the former the lead when he reached off Jonathan Riungel's wild pitch. Third batter Heath Camacho also scored off a fielder's choice and the Braves could have added one more than when Patrick Celis made it to third before he was stranded as Ringuel got back-to-back strikeouts and Angelo Igitol was beaten to first to end the inning.

At the top of the second, the Falcons moved within one, thanks to Noah Aguon's run off a fielder's choice. The pennant champion then went to steal the lead, 5-3, after they shut down the Braves at the bottom of the second and registered three runs at the top of the third. Dionave Sablan had an RBI single and Chris Gonzales and Riungel scored off a

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Dolphins vs Geckos in IFL finale

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Marianas High School's varsity team and Saipan International School will dispute the boys division title in the 2017 NMIFA-PSS High School Interscholastic Football League today after eliminating their respective semis foes last Friday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

The Geckos took the first finals set after shutting down MHS' junior varsity team, 5-0, while the latter's varsity squad also eased its way to the title match after blanking Kagman High School in last weekend's second Final Four game, 8-0.

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Marianas High School's John Bucayo, right, battles two Kagman High School players for possession during the second half of their semis match in the 2017 NMIFA-PSS High School Interscholastic Football League last Friday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Six different players scored in MHS varsity's demolition of the Ayuyus with John Bucayo and Shawn Castillo recording two apiece and Louie Calayag, Dai Podziewsi, Mareko Tekopua, and Sunjoon Tenorio contributing one each. The Dolphins had the semis win in the bag as early as the first half as they led, 5-0. Tekopua lit up the board first for MHS when he scored in the 10th minute, while Calayag had his shot two minutes later. Tenorio was next to find his target, doing it in the 15th minute, while Castillo made back-to-back with his first coming in the 18th and

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Camacho, Elliot rule Budweiser May Masters

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Saipan's Janice Camacho and Guam's Aaron Elliot topped the 35th CNMI May Masters Tournament held over the weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Camacho defeated 14 other bowlers in the women's division after collecting 2,070 pins in 12 games, while Elliot had total of 2,334 pinfalls to beat fellow Guam bet J.D. Castro and 14 Saipan players in the men's field.

Elliot won by only five pins against Simon Manacop, who registered a 12-game total of 2,329 pinfalls. The visiting bowler earned enough lead in the early goings of the tournament to foil Manacop's comeback bid. Elliot had 200-plus pinfalls in three games with his best (266) posted in Game 3. He registered 243 and 203 in Games 8 and 9, while Manacop's 200-plus performance came in Games 5 (234), 8 (206), 9 (233), and 12 (227). The Saipan bowler went on to average 194.08 against the 194.50 of Elliot.

Elliot went back to Guam with a cash prize, trophy, and gifts from tournament sponsor Budweiser/MAR-

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Saipan's Janice Camacho, left, and Guam's Aaron Elliot pose with their trophies and prizes during the awards ceremony for the 35th CNMI May Masters Tournament held last Sunday at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort.